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YUJI IWAHARA

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FILE.40
ASSASSINS

TOMORROW, WE EMBARK FOR EASTER ISLAND.

LWAI.

I'M READY...

...SALVA.

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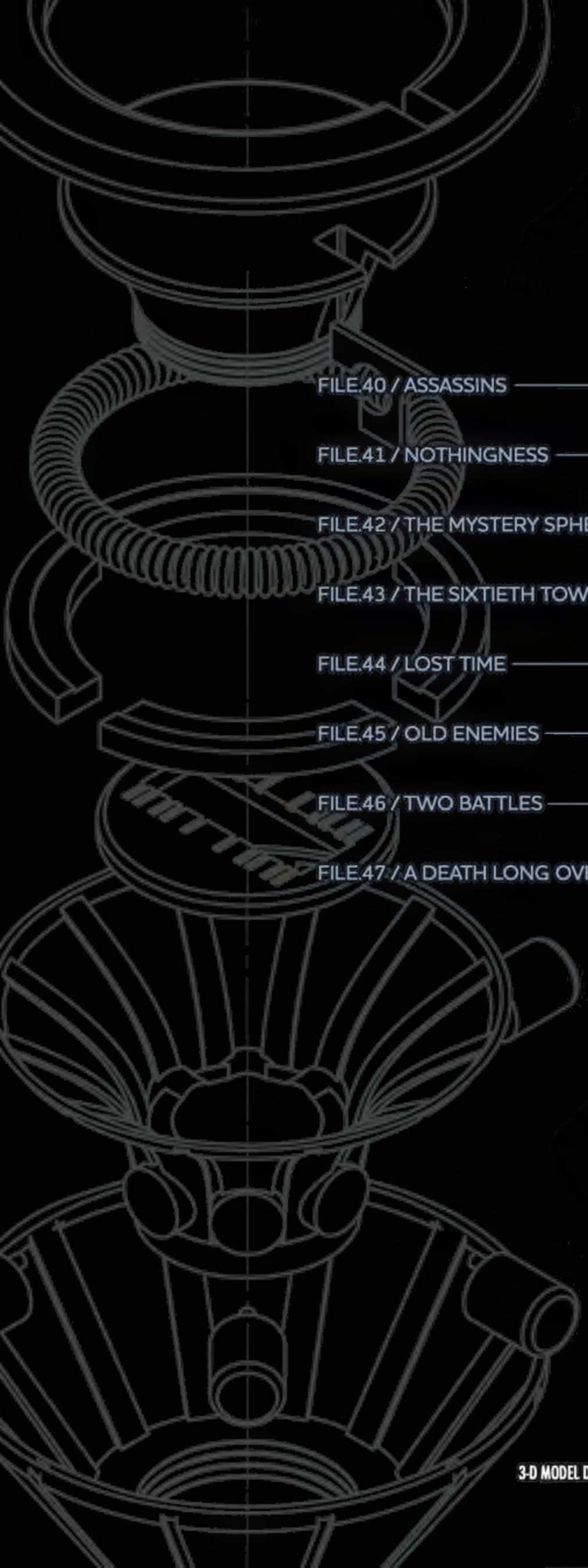

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YEAH.

...THAT MARY LADY'S ANDROID BODYGUARD GOT TAKEN OUT. THAT TRUE?

AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT IS.

I HEARD THAT ON THE SAME NIGHT THESE LETTERS WERE SENT OUT...

NOTE: A CHALLENGE TO ALL COLLECTORS

WHO'D GET SCARED OVER ONE MEASLY ANDROID GETTING DESTROYED?

IT WAS A WARNING— "IF THIS SCARES YOU, THEN YOU AREN'T FIT TO PARTICIPATE."

THERE WAS THIS CHINESE MILITARY MAN, GENERAL JAKU, WHO MADE A FORTUNE IN SHADY BUSINESS DEALINGS. HE FUNNELED THAT MONEY INTO IT.

THE NASTIEST, MOST VILE ANDROID.

BRONZE SWALLOW... WHAT?

MARY...THE WITCH OF CENTRAL 47... THE ANDROID SHE WAS USING IS AS INFAMOUS AS SHE IS. YOU EVER HEARD OF "THE NIGHTMARE OF THE BRONZE SWALLOW TERRACE"?

WHAT, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

AFTER SOMEBODY FROM GENERAL JAKU'S INNER CIRCLE EXPOSED ALL HIS CRIMES, HE BECAME THE TARGET OF A PURGE.

SO HE FLED TO THE STRONG-HOLD HE'D BUILT FOR HIMSELF— THE BRONZE SWALLOW TERRACE...

...AND GAVE THE ANDROID THIS ORDER—

"PROTECT ME...

...AND ALL MY TREASURES."

THE STRONG-HOLD WAS SET AFLAME. WASN'T LONG BEFORE GENERAL JAKU DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.

BUT HIS DEATH DIDN'T REGISTER TO THE ANDROID. SO IT CONTINUED TO CARRY OUT ITS ORDERS.

IT KEPT ON ELIMINATING ANYONE AND ANYTHING THAT APPROACHED JAKU'S VAULT.

FORTY-EIGHT MILITARY PERSONNEL, SIX CIVILIANS, AND ELEVEN ROBOTS ALL MET THEIR END AT ITS HANDS.....

WAS IT REALLY THAT INCRED-IBLE?

EVERY-BODY KNOWS ABOUT IT... OTHER THAN YOU.

AS THE STORY GOES, EIGHT DIFFERENT COLLECTOR TEAMS—ALL OF THEM WELL-KNOWN—WENT AFTER ITS ILLEGAL COIL, AND THEY ALL FAILED MISERABLY.

PEOPLE STARTED CALLING IT "THE NIGHTMARE OF THE BRONZE SWALLOW TERRACE."

THE COLLECTORS GATHERED IN THIS HOTEL...

LOOK DOWN THERE.

THEY'RE THE CREAM OF THE CROP.

BY BEING HERE, EVERY ONE OF THEM IS SAYING THAT THEY COULD COME OUT ON TOP IN A FIGHT WITH THE NIGHTMARE OF DOUJAKUDAI.

BOOK: ODE TO KIRIHITO

JKA
JKA
SHRR
SHKA
JKA

AND...

No.1

...THEY HAVE THE TRACK RECORDS TO BACK THAT CLAIM UP.

NO POINT IN THINKING ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.

EITHER WAY, WE'VE GOT A JOB TO DO.

SU (SWUSH)

OUR HOST, PRINCE SALVA...IF HE BROUGHT ALL THESE BIG NAMES TOGETHER... JUST WHAT DOES HE INTEND TO DO ON EASTER ISLAND?

I'M GETTING THE SHAKES HERE.

LET'S GO EAT BEFORE WE GOTTA GET TO WORK.

SU

.....TRUE ENOUGH.

...BUT FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, MARY TOOK IT AS HER REWARD FOR FINALLY DISABLING IT.

...I'M A LITTLE FUZZY ON THE DETAILS MYSELF...

WHAT?

OH YEAH.

HOW'D IT END UP WITH MARY?

...THAT STORY. WHAT ENDED UP HAPPENING TO THE NIGHTMARE OF DOU-JAKUDAI?

YEAH, I'M WITH YOU ON THAT.

ALONE? THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.

NO TELLING IF IT'S TRUE THOUGH.

ACCORDING TO THE RUMORS, SHE BROUGHT A NEWBIE COLLECTOR ALONG ON THE JOB. THE NEWBIE GOT INSIDE AND TOOK IT DOWN TOTALLY ALONE.

SHE DIS-ABLED IT!?

HOW?

WASN'T LOOKING WHERE I WAS GOING...

...SORRY.

WHOOPS.

DON (BUMP)

!!?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

WOW... THERE'S EVEN A FLESH-AND-BLOOD MONSTER IN THIS GROUP...

SU (SWIP)

...

...

LOOKS LIKE THEY STILL AREN'T HERE.

MAYBE THEY'RE SITTING THIS ONE OUT.

SFX: KYA (GIGGLE) KYA

...LADIES!

HERE WE GO...

YEEK!

HRAH!

BUN (FLING)

THEY WILL COME.

...NO.

ZAPA (SPLAT)

GAKU (SLUMP)

HMPH.

HAHAHA

ZAPAAN (SPLOOSH)

STORM'S A-COMIN' TOMOR-ROW.

FUU (HOO)

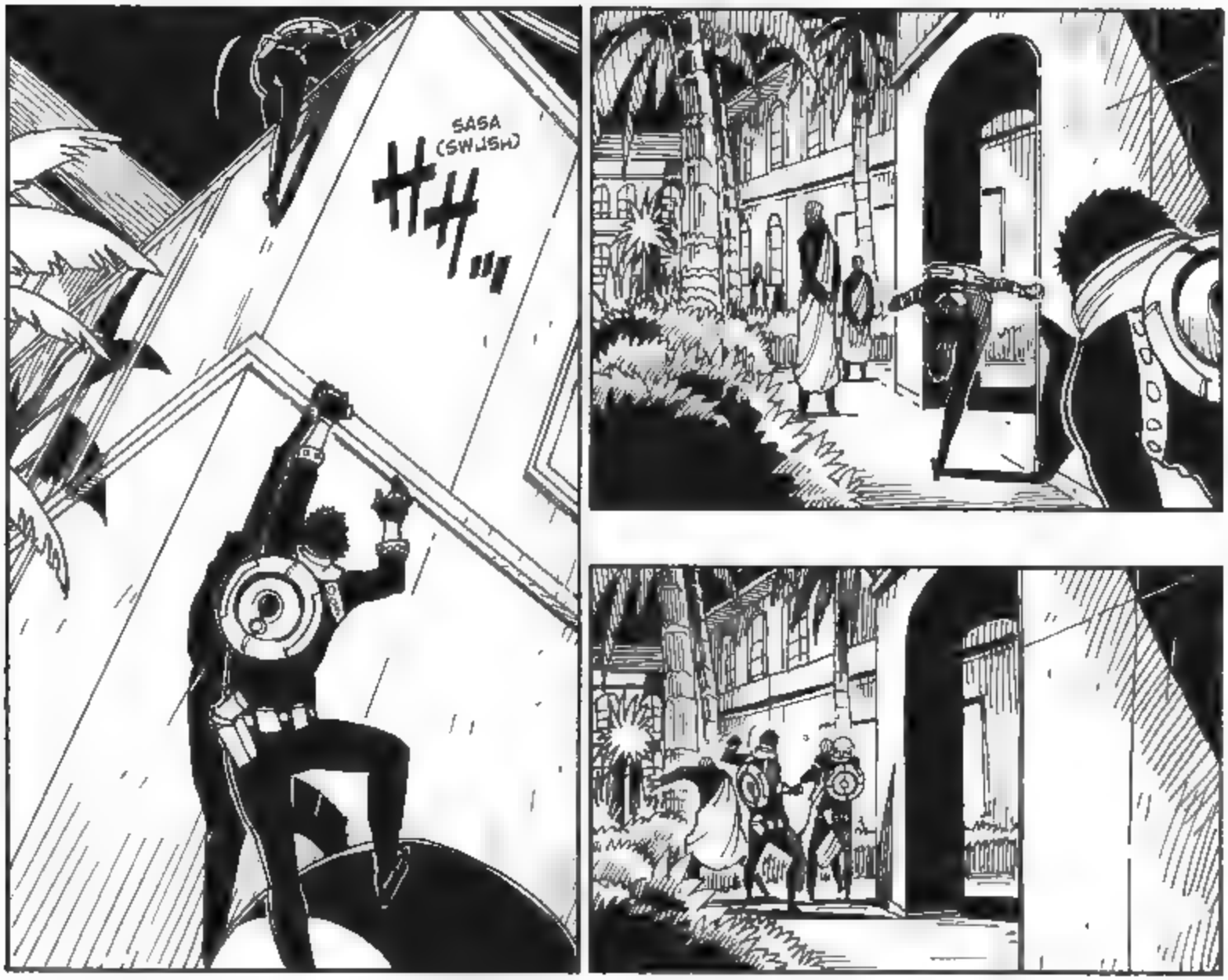
ZAZA (FSSH)

ZAZAA

ZAZAAA

ZAZAA

SUYAP!
(SNORK)
スヤッ
スヤー
SUYAA
(ZZZ)
スヤー
Roger.
It's clear.


SASA
(SWISH)

KASHA (CLINK)

SA (SWISH)

PARI (KRNCH)

PARI

シャ

SHIBAAA (SHUP)

カシャ

KASHA

We're in.

Beep

Ahh

Shh

Ahh

FuSHAA (FSSS)

SHUAA (SSHH)

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!!!?

DOZA (BAM)

HITMEN, HMM?

What the —!?

They know we're here .....!

I ALREADY KNOW YOUR EMPLOYER'S IDENTITY...

...THOUGH I DOUBT YOU DO.

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER YOUR-SELVES LUCKY.

WHO HIRED YOU?

.....NO, YOU NEEDN'T ANSWER THAT.

BUSHU (SPLOOSH)

GHACK!

SHUGYA (SLASH)

LASITHI'S DANCING IS THE BEST IN AFRICA...

ENJOY WATCHING IT AS YOU DIE.

SHIT...

KASHA! (CLANK)

BIK! (CRICK)

SA (SLIDE)

BOFU (BOOMF)

BOKO (PLOK)

MOKU (SMOKE)

MOKU

HYURURURURU (SPIN)

SO HE FLED?

TRY AS HE MIGHT, HE WILL NOT ESCAPE THIS PLACE.

NO NEED TO CHASE HIM, LASITHI.

Salva was expecting an assassination attempt.

SUTA (TAMP)

TA (LEAP)

Withdrawing to the rendezvous point!

The mission failed!

HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!

TA (STAK)

TA

TA

OOF!

GORO (ROLL)

GA (THUD)

.....K.K.!!!

...USES AN ILLEGAL COIL, RIGHT?

THAT DEVICE ON YOUR BACK...

NOW WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO IN SUCH A RUSH?

AND ONCE WE'VE SPOTTED AN ILLEGAL COIL.....

BA (WOOSH)

...WHICH MEANS IT HAS TO BE AN ILLEGAL COIL.

!?

NOBODY IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD TRY TO USE A LEGAL COIL TO ASSASSINATE AN NTE BIG SHOT.

GAGAGA (KRRK)

BYUUUU (F.WOO)

...WE CERTAINLY CANNOT STAND IDLY BY!

!

BAN (BAM)

THIS IS A JOB...

...FOR US HEROES!

YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR OWN BATTLE SUIT MADE!

ALWAYS WITH THE FLASHY ENTRANCES ...

I'LL PASS.

SUTA (TAMP)

ZUTA (WHUD)

YURI!?

... AND...

EVEN JASON CHRYS-LER!?

SUTA (STMP)

SUTA

HAH HAH HAH!

THAT COIL BELONGS TO ME—

BA (KOOSH)

AH-AH! NOT SO FAST, BOYS!

THE GREAT SCORPION CAT CASSIDY!

KEE SHEE SHEE!

LUNATIC OF MEXICO
SCORPION CAT CASSIDY

...YOU'D BETTER BACK OFF!

UNLESS YOU WANNA END UP FULL OF HOLES...

DAU'

LET 'EM LOOSE, SANCHOS!

SHE'S ONE TROUBLED KITTEN.

TCH'

GUH...

GABA (WHOM)

OOM

OOM

WHAT THE—?

KA (FLASH)

We'll take it from here.

DIIIIE!

WOO HAA!

...belongs in the custody of D.A.B. special ops unit Q.I.4.

GO

That assassin ...

GO GRRMM

...AND THE *GRODIA*, THEIR AERIAL COMMAND SHIP!

TSK!

Q.I.4, THE TROOPS WITH JURISDICTION OVER ALL OF SOUTH AMERICA...

I KNEW THEY WOULD COME, BUT NOT SO QUICKLY!

UNGH ...

PON (PAT)

WELL, IT'S ALL OVER NOW.

...IS NONE OTHER THAN THE AMAZON OF Q.I.—

ROGER!

SECURE THE SUSPECT.

THEIR CHIEF COMMANDING OFFICER...

CEDRIC MORGAN!

TOMORROW, I'LL ESCORT YOU ALL TO EASTER ISLAND ON THIS SHIP.

ONLY DOING MY JOB. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE OF SERVICE.

THANK YOU, COMMANDER CEDRIC.

WE'LL CHARGE THE MAN WHO ATTACKED MY BROTHER IN ISLA'S COURTS.

JUST GET US AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN.

...ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW CLOSE WE CAN MAKE IT TO THE ISLAND.

IT'S OUR JOB TO TAKE IT FROM THERE.

FILE.41
NOTHINGNESS

GIG

BARURURURURU (BRRRM)

KACHI

KACHI-(CHIK)

YOU OWE ME AGAIN, MABUCHI.

...BUT THE ISLAND IS OUTSIDE OF Q.I.6'S JURIS-DICTION.

I WISH I COULD JOIN YOU...

EASTER ISLAND...

THANKS, AL.

THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY WE COULD MAKE IT IN TIME.

WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT TO EASTER ISLAND, AND ARE ON COURSE TO ARRIVE TWO HOURS AFTER THEM.

PRINCE SALVA AND HIS PARTY SHOULD HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED FROM CONCEPCIÓN AIRPORT #2.

I INFORMED Q.I.4'S LEADER, COMMANDER CEDRIC, OF YOUR LATE ENTRY INTO THE RACE.

I WILL.

ONCE THIS IS ALL DONE, TELL ME EVERYTHING, MABUCHI.

GISHI

GISHI (CREAK)

WHADDAYA MEAN, "LIKE THAT"?

SHE'S A MASTERPIECE FROM THE END OF AN ERA WHEN CARS RAN ON GASOLINE ALONE.

.....BY THE WAY...

...ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DRIVE A CAR ***LIKE THAT*** AROUND THE ISLAND?

THEY'RE BOTH CLASSICS, YOU KNOW?

LOOK, I TRY TO BE GENTLER WITH THAT ONE.

BESIDES, IT'S ALL ABOUT SPEED THIS TIME.

ARE YOU TRYIN' TA PICK A FIGHT!?

TIN C—

WOULDN'T YOU BE BETTER SERVED BY THE TIN CAN YOU USUALLY DRIVE?

YES, BUT IT'S SO LOW TO THE GROUND. I DARESAY PEBBLES COULD STOP YOU IN YOUR TRACKS.

WHATEVER THE PRINCE IS AFTER, THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE HE COULD BE HEADED.

SPEED?

GROUND ZERO .....?

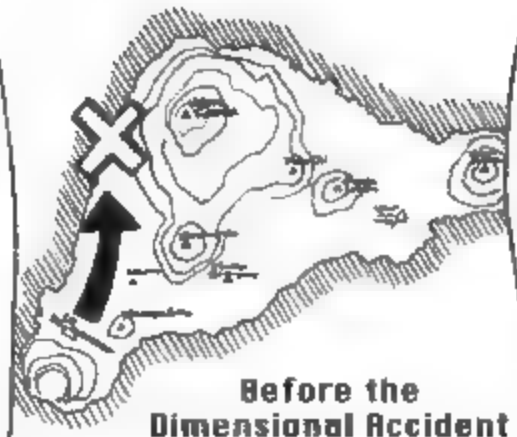
IT'S THE SITE OF THE BIGGEST DIMENSIONAL BREAKDOWN IN HISTORY.

GROUND ZERO.

THE FORMER SITE OF NEW TESLA ENERGY'S EXPERIMENT FACILITIES.

Easter Island A.D. 2066

IF YOU GO STRAIGHT NORTH FROM THERE, GROUND ZERO IS JUST TWELVE KILOMETERS AWAY.



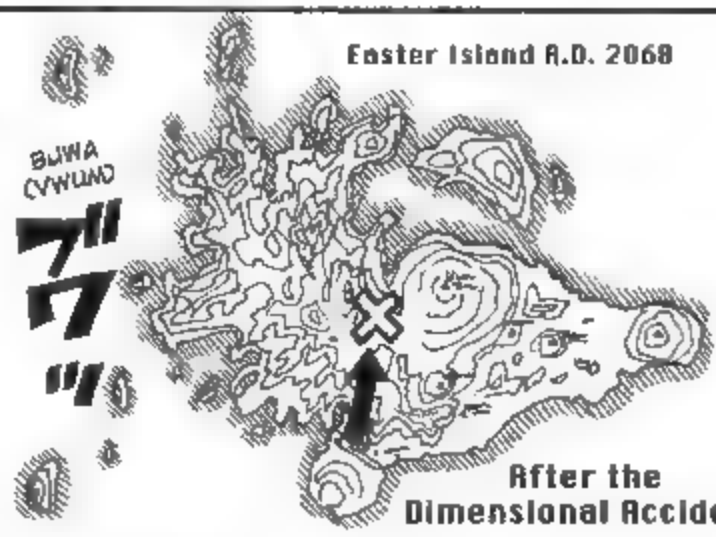
Before the Dimensional Accident

Perimeter: approx. 60 km
Area: approx. 180 km²

THERE'S ONLY ONE RUNWAY ON EASTER ISLAND.

...EXCEPT THE DIMENSIONAL DAMAGE DEFORMED THE LAND QUITE A BIT. TAKE THAT ROUTE, AND YOU'D HAVETA COVER A LOTTA GROUND CLIMBIN' OVER ROUGH TERRAIN.

NOT A GOOD USE OF TIME AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED.



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After the Dimensional Accident

AH-HA. SO THAT'S WHY YOU CHOSE THAT CAR?

YUP.

Perimeter: ? km
Area: ? km²

AS LONG AS YOU GOT A CAR, YOU SHOULD GET THERE MUCH FASTER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SAY YOU GO EAST AND MOVE ALONG THE COAST. YOU CAN AVOID THE OBSTACLE COURSE ON RELATIVELY LEVEL ROADS.

WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THERE EVEN FASTER IF WE HADN'T LEFT LATE.

WITH A CAR THIS FAST, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT THERE IN LESS THAN THIRTY MINUTES.

THAT'LL HELP US MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME.

SHADDAP, YA BUCKET OF BOLTS!

THAT IS TO SAY, THE AREA HAD ZERO DIMEN-SION W ENERGY.

...MERE MONTHS AGO, IT WAS STILL TRAPPED IN WHAT DR. SHIDOU YURIZAKI CALLED A "NOTHING-NESS OF POSSIBIL-ITY".....

WHILE THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE ISLAND SHOWS SIGNS OF RECOVERY ...

.....STILL, DO BE CAREFUL, MABUCHI.

YEAH, YEAH. I KNOW.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

...YOUR ANDROID WILL CERTAINLY CEASE TO FUNCTION, AND YOUR BODY WON'T COME OUT UNSCATHED EITHER.

WHILE YOUR CAR WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO RUN WITHIN THE NOTHING-NESS...

I AIN'T EXPECTIN' THIS TO END SO EASILY.

GOOD.

HOLD ON TIGHT!

WE'RE ABOUT TO FLY INTO A STORM.

BARJRURU (BRRRM)

Q:6

PISHAAA (KRAKOW)

GO

GO GO

GO

GO

GO

PISHAA (CRACKLE)

GO (RUMBLE)

GO

MY COMPANY BUILT THIS CRAFT, AFTER ALL.

OF COURSE.

WE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEMS FLYING THROUGH THIS STORM.

GOOD. MAINTAIN OUR COURSE.

ALTITUDE, SEVEN HUNDRED.

WIND SPEED, TWENTY-TWO METERS.

WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER EASTER ISLAND'S AUTO-DEFENSE GRID.

ALL RIGHT!

DIDN'T MEAN ANY OFFENSE, YOUR HIGHNESS.

IT WOULD NEVER FALL TO A MERE STORM.

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BE PREPARED.

AS WE APPROACH THE ISLAND, OUR COILS COULD STOP WORKING AT ANY TIME.

SWITCH MAIN POWER SOURCE FROM COILS TO ENGINES.

.....ALSO, I DO NOT APPROVE OF THE USE OF THE WORD "CYBORG" TO REFER TO THOSE WHO HAVE MODIFIED BODIES.

IT IS AN UNDIGNIFIED, ARCHAIC WORD...

I ASK THAT YOU DO THE SAME, YOUR HIGHNESS.

IF THERE ARE ANY ANDROIDS OR CYBORGS IN YOUR PARTY...

YOU MAY PROCEED WITH CONFIDENCE, COMMANDER CEDRIC.

...
"HYBRIDS."

IN THIS NEW AGE, THEY SHOULD BE CALLED...

NOTED.

ROGER!

...THAT WE'LL BE ENTERING DANGEROUS AIRSPACE SHORTLY.

LET THE COLLECTORS ONBOARD KNOW...

YOU GETTIN' SCARED OVER A LITTLE STORM, K.K.? PATHETIC.

HA!

... DOESN'T BODE WELL.

IT'S ONLY THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, YET IT'S SO DARK..... AND THIS WIND.....

MMN...

PISHAAA (CRASH)

THIS STORM LOOKS ROUGH, BROTHER MINE.

THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A HERO.

I ALWAYS FIGHT ALONE.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SLUTS ALWAYS HANGING ON YOUR ARMS?

.....YOU ALL ALONE THERE, CHRYSLER ?

...

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO TAKE IT FROM BEHIND, ASK K.K. OR YURI!

I SEE IT.

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, YOU CAN HIDE BEHIND ME TOO.

LIKE I'D EVER WANNA BE STUCK BEHIND YOUR UGLY ASS!

PROTECTING THE LADIES IS ANOTHER PART OF A HERO'S JOB.

PISHAA (CRASH)

JAEGER.

THE NETWORK OF TWO HUNDRED AUTOMATIC TURRETS GUARDING THE ISLAND...

WHAT?

EASTER ISLAND ?

...NO.

STRAY FROM THE PRESCRIBED ROUTE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST BIT AND THEY'LL SHOOT YOU OUT OF THE SKY.

GO (RUMBLE)

GO

GO

JUST HOW MUCH DOES NEW TESLA WANT TO KEEP PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE ISLAND?

...

AND THERE ARE TWO HUNDRED OF THOSE THINGS SURROUNDING THE ISLAND...?

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING IT IN PERSON... IT'S COLOSSAL.

ズーン
ZUSH! (THUD)
SOMETHING ON THAT ISLAND MUST BE WORTH ALL THAT PROTECTION ...
...
WOOOW ...
DAAU!
ばた
BATA (WAVE)
BATA
ばた
HUH?
WHAT IS IT, SANCHOS?
.....OUR COILS HAVE STOPPED.
THAT'S HOW ***WEAK*** THE DIMENSION W ENERGY IN THIS AREA HAS BECOME...
IN THE NOTHINGNESS, EVEN LIFE STOPS.
IF IT WERE, IT WOULD AFFECT EVERYONE HERE...
WAIT... IT'S NOT ZERO?
BATA

A FOOLISH MAN.

MUST'VE BEEN USING A COIL TO POWER HIS HEART OR HIS LUNGS...

HYUU (WHEEZE)

H...

HELP...

HYUU

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

URGH...

HUH!?

IF HE DIDN'T DO HIS RESEARCH ON NOTHINGNESS, HE WASN'T FIT TO BE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

HE'S DEAD...

H...

.....

IT IS FINALLY TIME!

OHH...

NOW PREPARING FOR LANDING.

EASTER ISLAND IS COMING INTO VIEW ON THE PORT SIDE BOW.

∞

OOO (HWOO)

EASTER ISLAND.

...THE LOST ISLAND...

THERE IT IS...

PISHAGAAA (CRASH)
ピシャガァァ
PISHAAA (KRAKOW)
ピシャァァ
GO (RUMBLE)
ゴゴゴゴゴ

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS PROBABLY THE SIDE OF THE ISLAND THAT WAS DEFORMED.
THEY SAY THAT THE DIMENSIONAL DAMAGE FIVE YEARS AGO AS MUCH AS DOUBLED THE SURFACE AREA OF THE ISLAND.
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A NIGHTMARE.
IT IS THE ULTIMATE MAN-MADE DISASTER.
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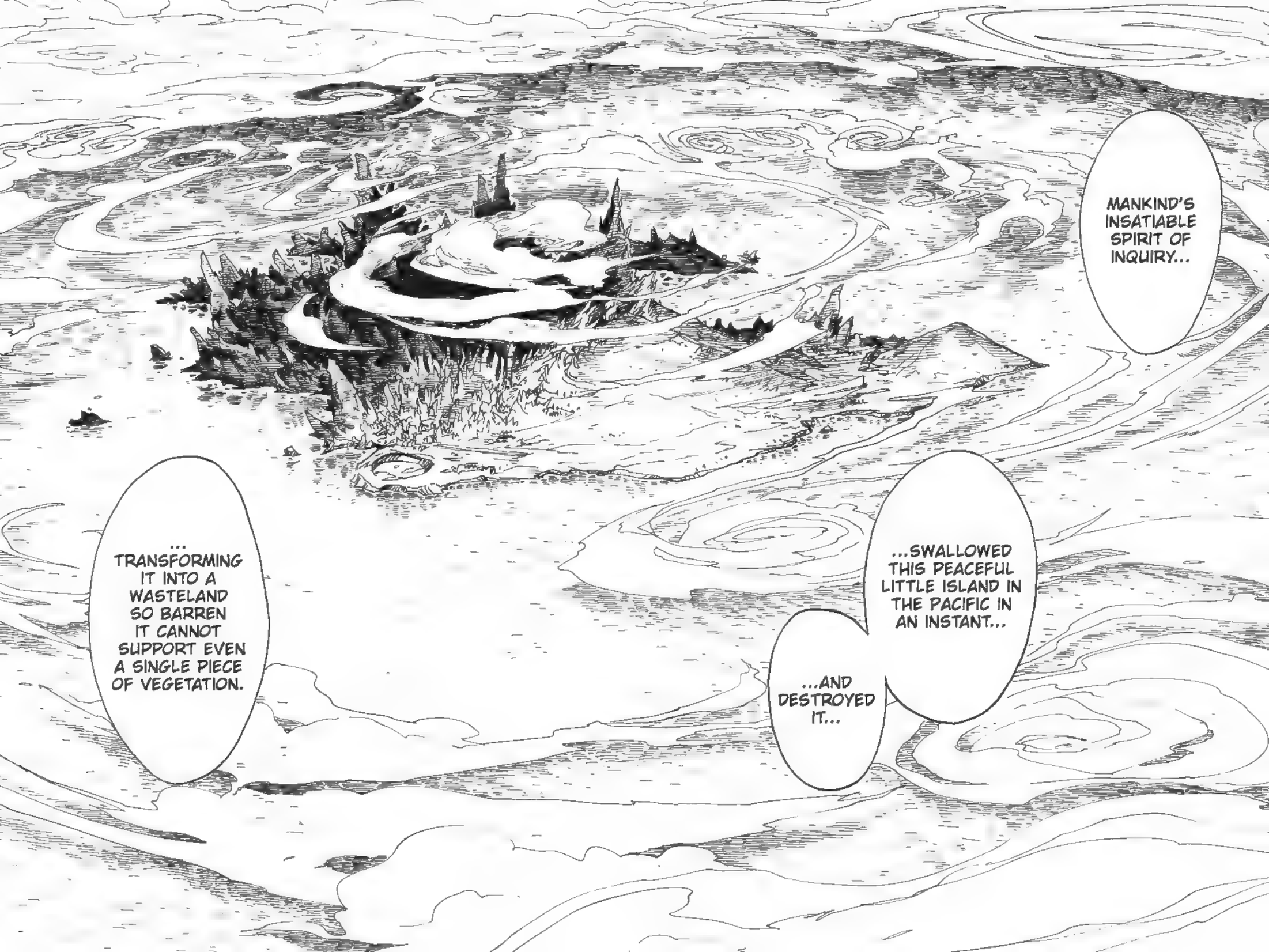
ゴゴゴ GO
ゴゴゴ GO
ゴゴゴ GO (RUMBLE)


MANKIND'S INSATIABLE SPIRIT OF INQUIRY...
...SWALLOWED THIS PEACEFUL LITTLE ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC IN AN INSTANT...
...AND DESTROYED IT...
... TRANSFORMING IT INTO A WASTELAND SO BARREN IT CANNOT SUPPORT EVEN A SINGLE PIECE OF VEGETATION.

IT IS MAGNIFICENT, DON'T YOU AGREE?

COM-MANDER CEDRIC MORGAN.

.....I DON'T FOLLOW.

.....BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND... WE'LL BE LANDING MOMEN-TARILY.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS.

HOPEFULLY COILS WILL WORK ON THE ISLAND ...

THAT WILL NOT BE A PROB-LEM.

MORE WORRY-ING...

...IS WHETHER THE ISLAND ITSELF WILL ACCEPT US...

...I NEVER KNEW DIMENSIONAL DAMAGE COULD HAPPEN ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE...

THERE ARE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD.....

.....BUT ONLY ONE CAN BECOME REALITY.

THIS IS THE LAW OF OUR UNI-VERSE.

THE POSSIBILITIES THAT DO NOT BECOME REALITY ARE FOLDED INSIDE DIMENSION W AND BECOME ENERGY.

THEREFORE, THE DENSER THE DIMENSION W ENERGY, THE MORE IT BRIMS WITH POSSIBILITIES.....

SO LONG AS THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES, THE DIMENSION W ENERGY WILL NEVER BE USED UP... HOWEVER.....

WHEN COILS GO OUT OF CONTROL, THAT LAW GOES STRAIGHT OUT THE WINDOW, RIGHT?

THE POSSIBILITIES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO TURN INTO ENERGY START MATERIALIZING SIMULTANEOUSLY.....

THAT'S THE CAUSE OF ALL THOSE RANDOM-LOOKING OUTGROWTHS OF MATTER.

WHO ARE YOU?

AS EINSTEIN SAID, THE CREATION OF MATTER REQUIRES A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF ENERGY.

SO TO CREATE THIS MUCH MATTER, EVEN DIMENSION W ENERGY WOULD DRY UP...

...GIVING BIRTH TO NOTHINGNESS.

FEEL

INTER-ESTING WORDING.

TO GIVE *BIRTH* TO NOTHING-NESS...

.....

I SAID, WHO ARE YOU?

THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE ABOUT TO EXPLAIN, RIGHT?

WELL, THANKS!

I'M.....

HOW DO I PUT THIS?

WHO. ARE. YOU?

ANSWER ME!

DOON (BOOM)

THREE...

NO, FOUR AND COUNTING!

STATUS RE-PORT!

TORNA-DOES ON OUR REAR STAR-BOARD SIDE!

WHAT WAS THAT !??

WE'RE SURROUNDED BY TORNADOES!

PISHAAA (CRACKLE)

GOOOO (ROAR)

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YOUR HIGH-NESS!

WE NEED TO TURN BACK!

NO. PROCEED WITH THE LANDING.

BUT SIR... !

GAH .....

WE CAN'T LAND IN THIS...

COM-
MANDER!

.....

IT'S TOO LATE FOR US TO TURN BACK NOW.

WH.....

IN FRONT OF US .....

WHAT THE HELL... IS THAT...?

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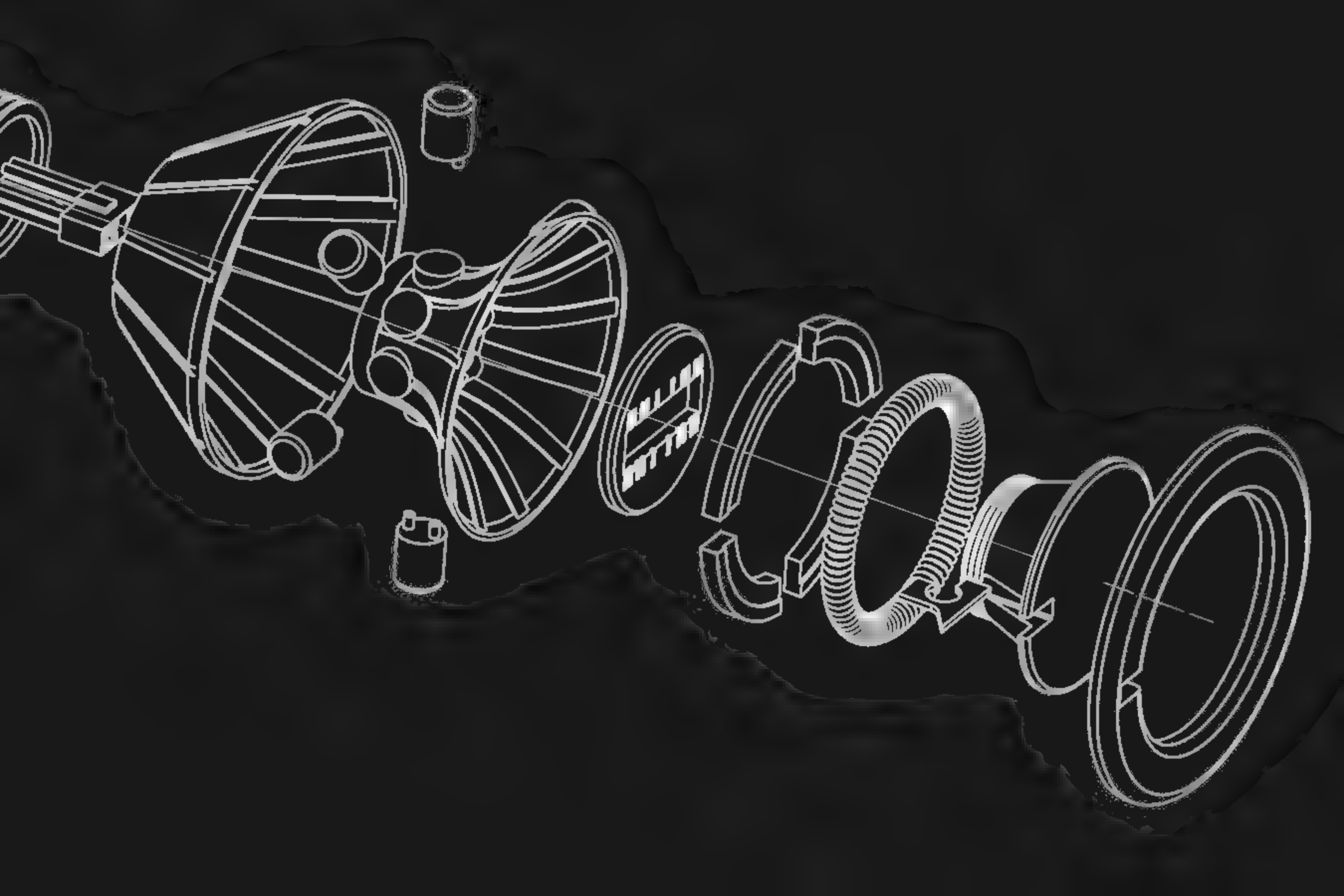

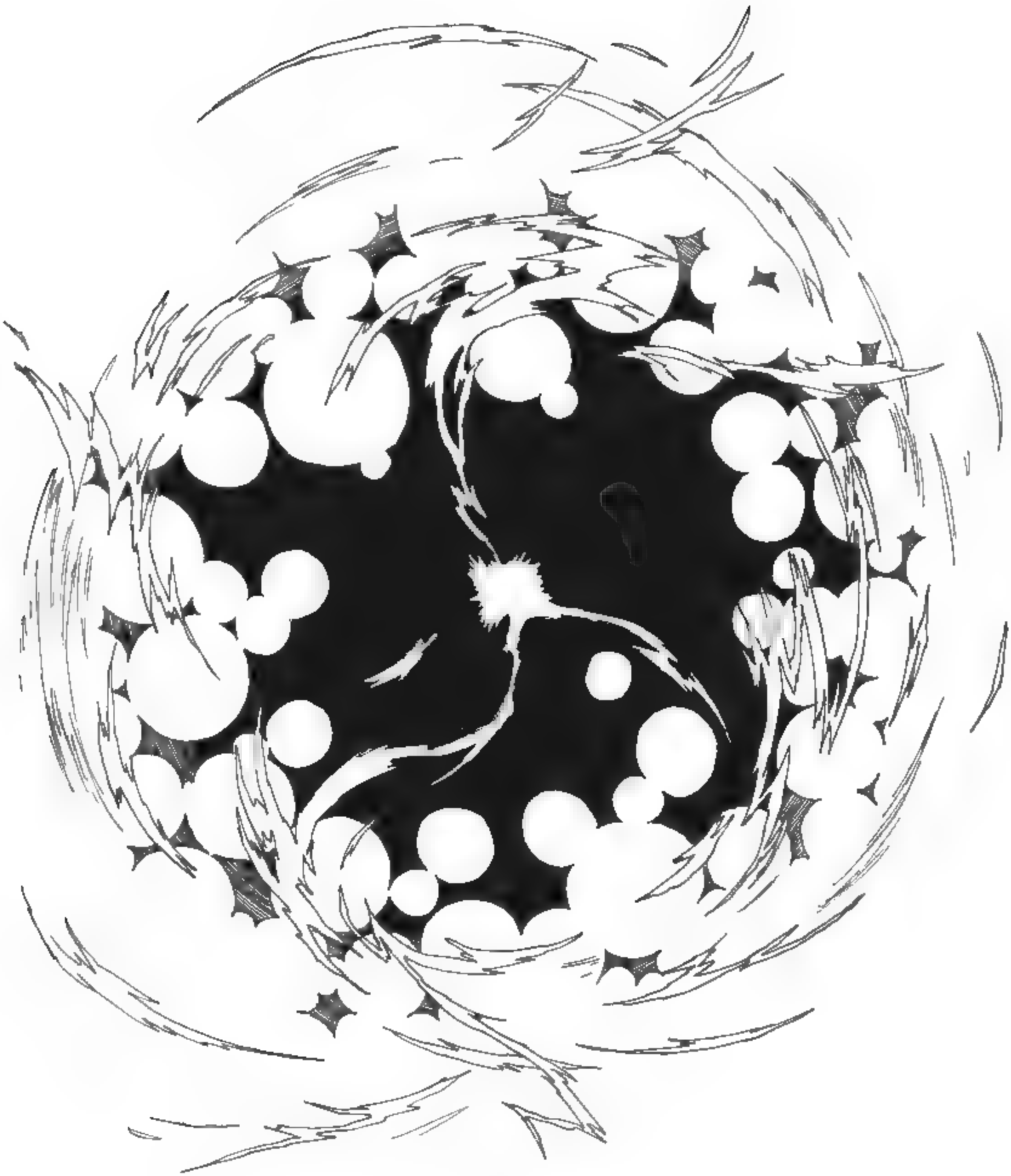

FILE.42
THE MYSTERY SPHERE

WASTIN' AWAY WHILE STILL HOLDIN' ITS SHAPE...

FIVE YEARS WITHOUT ANY DECAY... GOTTA BE BECAUSE EVEN THE MICRO-ORGANISMS GOT WIPED OUT.

THIS A RAT THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT?

KUSHA (CRUMPLE)

THIS IS...

...THE LAND THAT FELL INTO NOTHINGNESS... EASTER ISLAND...

IT'S LIKE WE'VE STEPPED ONTO ANOTHER PLANET.

EASTER ISLAND
FORMER SITE OF MATAVERI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK, BOLTS.

WHO KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE GOT PULLED INTO THE ACCIDENT...

LOOKS LIKE THE TOWN ON THE NORTHERN SIDE WAS COMPLETELY SWALLOWED UP BY THE MATERIAL-IZATION OF DIMENSION W.

.....

THIS IS WHAT LIES AT THE END OF THE ROAD OF COIL CULTURE.

KIKI (SKREEK)

キキッ

ミョーン (MYUUN SWEEN)

THE TOWN WAS IN A TRAGIC STATE INDEED...

HOWEVER, I SAW NO SIGNS OF ANYONE PASSING THROUGH.

IT SEEMS THE DIMENSION W ENERGY IS RELATIVELY DENSE HERE.

AS YOU CAN SEE, COILS WORK.

HOW'D IT LOOK, AL?

Q.I.4'S *GRODIA* IS SO GIGANTIC THAT THEY REFER TO IT AS A SHIP.

I HIGHLY DOUBT THERE IS ANY OTHER PLACE TO LAND IT...

THEY DIDN'T USE THE RUNWAY?

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE PRINCE AND COMPANY HAVE YET TO ARRIVE.

RADAR ISN'T WORKING... PERHAPS AN EFFECT OF THE ACCIDENT.

WITHOUT HEARING FROM THEM, THERE'S NO WAY TO BE SURE.

SO WE CAN ONLY RELY ON THE NAKED EYE, HUH?

THE ISLAND WAS SURROUNDED BY AN AWFUL STORM TWO HOURS AGO.

IT'D TAKE MORE'N A STORM TO SCARE THAT PRINCE OFF.

IS IT POSSIBLE THEY GAVE UP AND TURNED BACK?

DON'T GET TOO FULL OF YOURSELF, BOLTS.

SURE IT IS... *IF YER COIL'S WORKIN' RIGHT.*

GUSHA

GUSHA (RUFFLE)

MY VISION IS COMPARABLE TO A SATELLITE.

PON (TAP)

THEN PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME!

HECK NO.

THAT'S WHY YOU BROUGHT IT ALONG, YES?

WELL, EVEN IF ITS COIL STOPS, YOU CAN STILL TAKE IT WITH YOU IN YOUR CAR.

HA-HA-HA! QUITE THE RELIABLE COMPANION YOU HAVE THERE.

IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONDUCT A SEARCH WHILE THE ISLAND'S AUTO-DEFENSE GRID IS ONLINE.

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THE SAFETY OF MY MISSING BUREAU COLLEAGUES, BUT I'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK FOR NOW.

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, AL?

I'VE GOT MY OWN BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.

ANYWAY, I DON'T CARE IF THE PRINCE AND THEM ARE HERE. I'M LEAVIN'.

FUON
OON (VRUM)
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YES. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE STILL PATCHES OF NOTHING-NESS ON THE ISLAND.

THE NOTH-INGNESS, RIGHT?

YEAH, I KNOW.

CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE CAREFULLY, MABUCHI.

I'LL MANAGE ON MY OWN.

I CAN'T COME RUNNING TO YOUR RESCUE THIS TIME, YOU KNOW.

AAAA (RRMM)

A PLEAS-ANT SOUND INDEED.

THE REVVING OF A V10 ENGINE...

FUAAAA (VROOM)

SEE YA!

ZAZAZAZA (SCREECH)

AT LEAST NOT UNTIL YOU'VE SETTLED THINGS WITH ME...

DON'T DIE, MABUCHI.

AAA

Easter Island Protrusions Areas

New Island a-01

a-01 Eastern Coast

Easter Island Current Locations

Ground Zero

Former Site of Matsueri International Airport

ALBERT

MIRA

KYOUMA

A-01
EASTERN COAST—
ONE HOUR, FORTY-FIVE
MINUTES EARLIER

ZAPA (SPLASH)

ZAZAAAN (CHURN)

HFF!

HFF!

GA

GA (THUD)

WHAT IN THE HELL IS GOING ON?

YOU ALL RIGHT, K.K.?

ZAPA (SPLOOSH)

SHIT!

DOGOGO (GLUB)

BOBO (BLUB)

HOW DID THE GRODIA...

...CRASH INTO THE OCEAN!?

...MNAH...

AH, YOU'RE AWAKE, CASSIDY?

H-HEY! LEMME DOWN!

PUT ME DOWN, CHRYS-LER!

DID ANYBODY ELSE MAKE IT OUT?

...I'D LIKE TO KNOW THAT AS WELL.

WE'RE LUCKY OUR COILS CAME BACK ONLINE...

'COURSE IT'S FREEZIN' IN THAT OUTFIT.

IT'S WINTER ON EASTER ISLAND.

BRRR...

ID'S FREEZIN''

AH—

AH—

CHOO!

CLOTHES, SANCHOS!

SAN-CHOS!

THIS ISLAND HASN'T BEEN RIGHT SINCE THE ACCIDENT ...

IT SHOULDN'T BE COLD ENOUGH TO SNOW, BUT HERE WE ARE!

SEEMS THE STRANGE SPHERE THAT PASSED THROUGH THE SHIP TOUCHED HIM.

SANCHOS!

I DON'T THINK SANCHOS CAN HEAR YOU.

...AS IF IT WERE RIPPING AWAY THEIR SOULS...

...IT LOOKED ALMOST...

THE SPHERE DID THIS!?

IN ALL MY TIME, I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.

K.K. ...!

IT'S CALLED "FALLING INTO NOTHING-NESS."

NO...IT LOOKS TO ME AS THOUGH HE'S ONLY FALLEN UNCONSCIOUS.

I-IS HE DEAD?

SHIT!

WHAT THE HELL !?

SHIT.

DEATH IS ALL THAT AWAITS HIM...

HE'S EXHIB-ITING THOSE SAME SYMP-TOMS.

IT TAKES NINETY SECONDS IN THE NOTHINGNESS FOR A PERSON TO SLIP INTO A COMA AND ULTIMATELY EXPIRE...

DID IT PASS THROUGH THE GRODIA AND REMAIN IN THE SKY?

OR IS IT STILL INSIDE THE SHIP?

THE MOST PRESSING QUES-TION IS... WHERE IS THE SPHERE NOW?

IF WE HAD AN ANSWER, THE SHIP WOULD STILL BE IN THE SKY.

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT THING !?

K.K., YOU BAS-TARD!!

BE REALISTIC, CASSIDY.

WHO'S GOING TO CARRY ALL THAT DEAD WEIGHT?

HE'S A DEAD MAN. LEAVE HIM.

EITHER WAY, WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

MAYBE CHRYSLER CAN CARRY HIM OVER...BUT THAT'S ONLY IF OUR COILS KEEP WORKING.

WHATEVER WE PLAN ON DOING, WE'LL HAVE TO CROSS THE WATER TO GET TO THE MAIN ISLAND.

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON THE SEPARATE ISLAND THAT WAS DEFORMED DURING THE ACCIDENT.

I'M STAYING!

IF YOU ALL WANT TO GO, NOBODY'S STOPPING YOU!

ARE YOU STUPID? DON'T YOU KNOW WHY THE HUNTED TRAVEL IN GROUPS?

IF THAT SPHERE ATTACKS AGAIN AND WE'RE NOT AT THE TOP OF OUR GAME, WE'RE ALL DEAD.

FOR ALL WE KNOW, THERE COULD BE MULTIPLE SPHERES OUT THERE.

THE MORE SURVIVORS, THE BIGGER OUR GROUP, AND BY YOUR REASONING, THAT'S A GOOD THING.

K.K., I SEE YOUR POINT.

BUT AS A HERO, SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS IS MY TOP PRIORITY.

GRRR!

HOLD IT, YOU TWO.

I...I NEED MY MUSIC .....

I'M PISSED.

HMPH!

CASSIDY, YOU PUT SOME-THING WARM ON.

... HAVE IT YOUR WAY.

WITHOUT THE PROPER EQUIPMENT, WE HAVE NO WAY TO MOUNT A RESCUE.

...LOOKED TO ME LIKE THE SPHERE CAME FROM THE BRIDGE. THINK THE PRINCE AND THEM ARE ALIVE?

IF THEY BLACKED OUT, THEY'LL BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, INSIDE THE SHIP...

COULDN'T SAY.

BOSHURU (BOOSH)

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THOSE ARE ISLERO ROBOTS!

ISLERO

ISLERO

GOROBO (GLUB)

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!!?

ZABAA (FLSHH)

IS IT THE SPHERE !?

NO...

HE'S THE RIGHTFUL HEIR TO THE THRONE OF THE LITTLE DESERT COUNTRY OF ISLA—

...YES, I RE-MEMBER NOW...

AND... THE BOY RIDING ON TOP...

ISN'T THAT SALVA!?

CROWN PRINCE LWAI AURA TIBEST!!

IT GOT THEM...

THEN WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

WAIT, HE'S THE CROWN PRINCE .....? NOT SALVA?

DASHA (SHKK)

ZUDA (KSHANK)

BASHA (SPLISH)

BASHASHA

SOME-BODY, PLEASE!

SALVA... LASITHI...

HELP THEM!

...THE CROWN PRINCE LOOKS COMPLETELY DISTRAUGHT.

...INCLUDING HIS BABY BROTHER'S.

THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, SALVA WAS THE ONE PULLING ALL THE STRINGS...

KNOWING THAT HIS BROTHER SALVA HAS FALLEN INTO NOTHINGNESS, I CANNOT BLAME HIM...

WE MOVE TO THE MAIN ISLAND, SECURE PROVISIONS AND WATER, AND THEN WAIT FOR AN EVAC.

HOW?

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO EXCEPT GET OUT OF HERE.

HE NEVER GAVE US OUR INSTRUCTIONS.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

EASTER ISLAND IS.....A TREASURE TROVE.

WE CAME ALL THIS WAY AND YOU WANNA GO BACK EMPTY-HANDED?

FINDING A SAFE HIDING PLACE SHOULD BE OUR TOP PRIORITY.

...WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GET CAUGHT BY THAT SPHERE OUT IN THE OPEN...

...BUT I'M AGAINST CHASING THE RUMORS.

.....SOME PEOPLE SAY THERE ARE EVEN NUMBERS COILS ON EASTER ISLAND...

I HEARD THERE ARE PLENTY OF COILS LEFT BEHIND...COILS WAITIN' TO BE COLLECTED.

IT'S BEEN UN-TOUCHED SINCE THE SECOND COIL WAR.

...ASSUMING THE CROWN PRINCE KNOWS ANY OF THAT...

IT ALL DEPENDS ON OUR GOAL AND THE SIZE OF THE REWARD.

...LWAI.

YOU NEED ONLY DO AS I SAY...

YOU WILL BE A PUPPET.

...AND YOU WILL REIGN OVER IT.

I WILL MAKE THE WORLD...

NOW HUSH AND FOLLOW ME.

BUT SALVA, I...

THIS IS BEST...

...LWAI.

BUT, UM...

I...!

YOU WILL BECOME KING.

...

HEY.

HEY.

.....

YEAH.

YOU OKAY, KID?

AH!

HEY!

I KNOW OF A PLACE WE CAN TAKE THEM.

I'M WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH THIS ISLAND.

... BUT...

THE OLD-TIMER SAYS THEIR BODY TEMPERATURES ARE GETTING DANGEROUSLY LOW.

WE GOTTA MOVE THEM SOMEPLACE WARMER, AND FAST.

SHUT UP!

OUT TO SAVE YOURSELF FIRST, OLD MAN!?

YOU GOT NO BALLS, SO YOU GOT NO SAY IN THIS, SHADES!

THOSE THREE ARE AS GOOD AS DEAD. WE SHOULD PRIORITIZE MOVING THE LIVING!

...I DOUBT YOUR ROBOTS HERE CAN CARRY ALL OF US AT ONCE.

THAT ALL RIGHT?

YOU'LL HAVE TO FERRY ME AND THE THREE SICK ONES OVER FIRST.

HYU (WOOSH)

BUT...

I WON'T LET THEM DIE.

...NO.

THEY'RE STILL ALIVE TOO.

!!?

WE DON'T HAVE TIME.

GUKI (CRACK)

STOP ARGUING.

UGH...

HE'S FAST!

GA (GRP)

I'LL CARRY ON SALVA'S WILL.

I WON'T ALLOW ANY OBJEC-TIONS.

I'M TAKING OVER UNTIL SALVA RECOVERS.

THE SURVIVAL RACE...

...IS STILL ON.

FILE.43
THE SIXTIETH TOWER

FARAH, CAPITAL OF ISLA, CENTRAL AFRICA

15 YEARS AGO

FARAH ROYAL ORPHANAGE

MM.

YOU HONOR US, YOUR MAJESTY!

KING MAURA AURA TIBESTI!

YES, YOUR MAJESTY...

YOU ARE SALVA, THEN? LET ME SEE YOUR FACE.

THE KING?

SALVA!

COME, SALVA! THE KING IS HERE TO SEE YOU!

YOU HAVE A BRIGHT MIND...

...AND A BEAUTIFUL FACE AS WELL.

THE RUMORS WERE TRUE.

...HMM.

I HAVE NO CHILDREN.

BECOME MY SON, SALVA.

I'M GOING TO BE...

...A PRINCE .....?

SA (DRAPE)

AS OF TODAY, YOUR NAME IS SALVA ENNA TIBESTI.

LOOK, SALVA.

THAT IS NEW TESLA ENERGY'S SIXTIETH TOWER.

ONCE IT IS COMPLETE, IT WILL BE A SYMBOL OF OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE.

OUR NATION, WHICH ONCE HAD NO OIL AND NO WATER, ONLY DESERT AND ARID MOUNTAINS...

...WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP THIS RAPIDLY BECAUSE THE RARE METALS FOUND ONLY IN OUR MINES ARE INDISPENSABLE FOR COIL PRODUCTION.

AS LONG AS WE HAVE THOSE METALS, WE HAVE STABILITY.

WE WILL WANT FOR NOTHING.

YOU ARE A WISE BOY INDEED!

INSTEAD OF ONLY RELYING ON THE POWER OF OTHERS, SHOULDN'T WE START TAKING CONTROL OF OUR FUTURE SOMEHOW?

BUT FATHER, THE METALS WILL RUN OUT EVENTUALLY.

OUR NEIGHBORS WANT OUR RESOURCES AND WEALTH TOO...

I DO THIS BECAUSE I MUST, TO PROTECT THE KINGDOM.

I KNOW THAT SOMETIMES I ACT IN A MANNER THAT SEEMS DOCILE AND FOOLISH.

...LISTEN, SALVA.

THOSE WHO ARE TOO HUNGRY FOR POWER ARE ALWAYS CRUSHED.

VERY WELL.

IT IS TIME, YOUR MAJESTY.

A KING'S JOB IS TO ALWAYS MAINTAIN BEAUTY AND DIGNITY.

OUR NIGHTLY BANQUETS, TOO, ARE IN THE COUNTRY'S BEST INTEREST.

I DO NOT THINK THAT IS IN OUR BEST INTERESTS ...

... FATHER...

.....

I HAVE WONDERFUL NEWS!

WHAT IS IT? WHY ARE YOU SHOUTING?

MAJESTY!

YOUR MAJESTY!

CANCEL ALL MY APPOINTMENTS!

.....

THE QUEEN, SHE...

SHE IS WITH CHILD!

WHAT !?

IS IT TRUE!?

LET ME HOLD MY CHILD!

OHH! WELL DONE!

HA HA HA!

WAAAH!

HAH HAH HAH!

...

YOU CAN DO IT!

PAN

PAN (CLAP)

AOO...

AOO

TOTE

TOTE (TOTTER)

HE WILL BE KNOWN AS LWAI AURA TIBESTI!

LWAI.

ALREADY WALKING? THAT'S MY BOY!

HAH HAH HAH!

SHH, SHH...

KYA

KYA (SQUEAL)

POTE (PLOP)

WAAAH!

HE WILL BE KING ONE DAY.

SALVA.

YES, FATHER.

SUPPORT YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER IN ALL WAYS.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

...LWAI.

.....
LISTEN
TO ME...

YOU
NEED
ONLY
LISTEN
TO WHAT
I SAY.

SHIIAA
(SHEEN)

YOU WILL SAVE ME!

LISTEN TO ME!

LWA!!

KIIOO (KRÉÉOO)

SALVAAA!

ZABABABABA

ZABABA (SPLASH)

THAT'S ONE WAY TO FLY US ALL OVER IN ONE GO.....

A FRAGMENT OF ONE OF *GRODIA*'S WINGS...?

I WON'T STOP YOU. IN FACT, I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

WHAT ABOUT THE SEARCH FOR OTHER SURVIVORS ?

HURRY, CLIMB ON!

GUIDE US THERE, MISTER.

AYE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME.

BUT I NEED TO MOVE SALVA AND THE OTHERS TO SAFETY FIRST.

I SUPPOSE WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.

ANYBODY WHO CAN'T TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES DOESN'T BELONG IN THIS LINE OF WORK IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THE BOY'S RIGHT.

GET ON ALREADY, CHRYSLER!

VERY WELL.

I'LL GUARD THE REAR.

I CAN FLY.

DID HE UNDERGO SOME KIND OF SPECIAL OPERATION?

THE SPEED AT WHICH HE MANEUVERED BEHIND K.K.... HE'S NO ORDINARY HUMAN, IS HE.....?

STILL, THIS FUTURE KING...

FWO (WOOSH)

KYUUUUUU (VWEEN)

HERE WE GO!

BASH! (BSSH)

THAT MEANS THERE WERE MORE SURVIVORS!
HEY, THAT'S GREAT.
ISLERO ROBOTS, IF I HAD TO GUESS...
SOME-THING JUST TOOK OFF FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE CRASH.

I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THAT. IT REALLY STARTLED ME.

I HAD NO IDEA YOU COULD FLY TOO.

HA HA!

IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME...

IF WE HADN'T BEEN OVER THE OCEAN, YOU'D BE DEAD. DEAD!

DADDY AND I ARE A DIFFERENT STORY BECAUSE WE CAN FLY.

OOPS!

DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT.

ABOUT WHAT...?

"DIDN'T HEAR" ...?

SORRY! I CAN'T.

REALLY?

TALK! WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT US AND WHAT DID THEY SAY?

LIAR.

YOU SAID THAT ON PURPOSE!

BUON CVLO

HA-HA!

FEEL

GUY (GRAB)

HUP!

BUO

...SEE YOU AT GROUND ZERO.

WELL, LOSER, ELLIE...

ZUTA (TAMP)

FEEL

— THERE WE GO.

WHAT NOW?

HE'S COMING TOO.

WHO?

...OH YEAH, I ALMOST FORGOT.

YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY, X-HEAD!

ARGH!

IF WE ALL MAKE IT THERE ALIVE, THAT IS!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT.

ALL THE PLAYERS WILL BE ASSEMBLED.

...KYOUMA MABUCHI!

WHO ELSE...

...BUT GRENDEL'S STRONGEST MID-RANGE BEAST...

BUON CYUM

BOKO (BROK)

DOGO (BOOM)

UH-OH!

IF YOU'RE USING THAT TECH, THEN YOU REALLY ARE...

NOT ONLY THAT, IT WAS BANNED AFTER THE WAR 'COS IT DAMAGES COILS.

A "BARRIER"... AHEM, I MEAN, AN ENERGY SHIELD... THAT'S PROPRIETARY NEW TESLA ENERGY TECH.

...AND YOUR PLAN.

ACTUALLY, I'M ROOTING FOR YOU...

I'M NOT ABOUT TO GET IN YOUR WAY.

HEY, DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.

SAVE YOUR ENERGY, ELLIE.

ARGH!

HE THINKS HE CAN GET AWAY?

WELL, BUH-BYE!

AS A FAN OF YOURS.

TA CHOP!

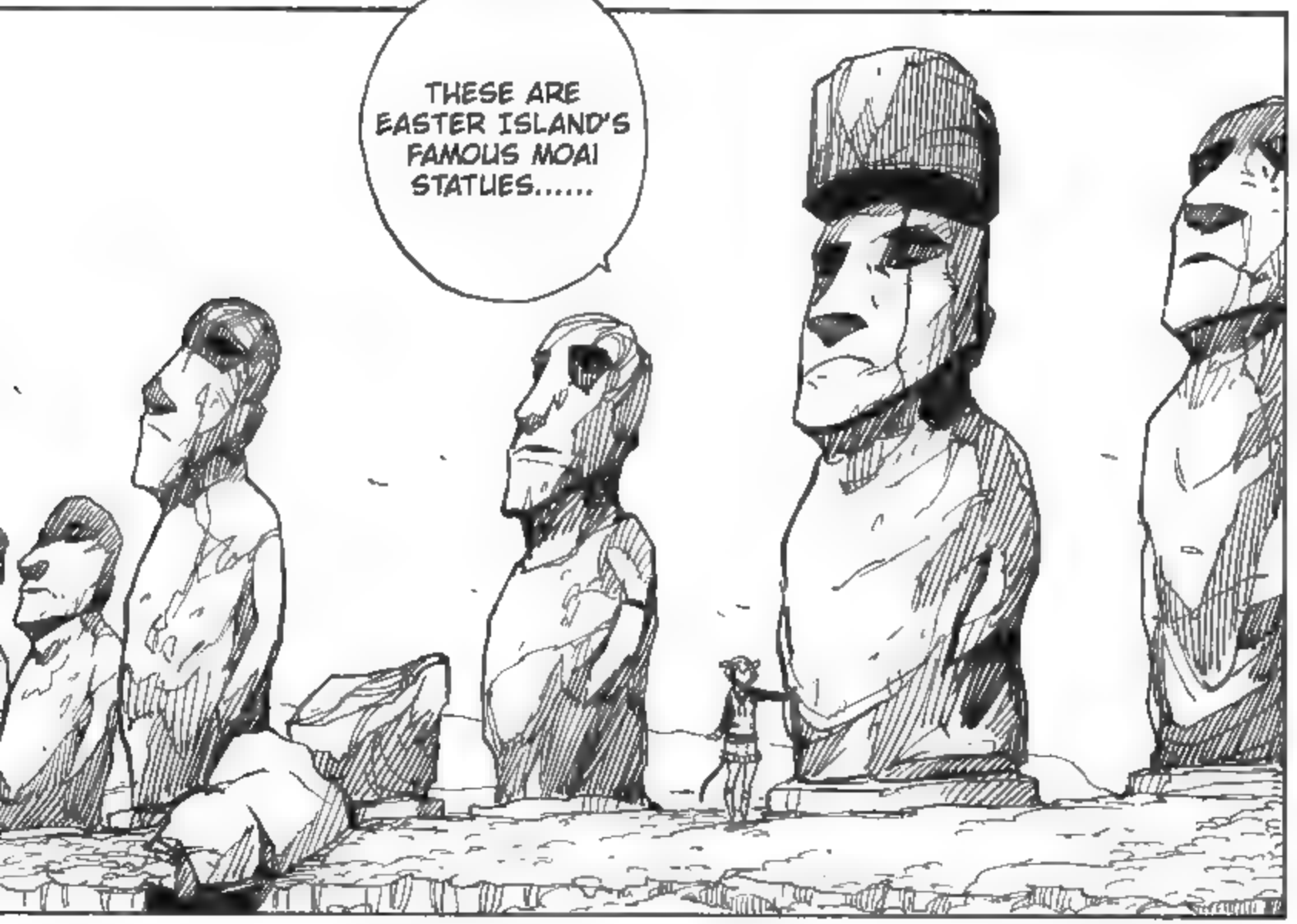
WE WILL MEET HIM AGAIN EVENTUALLY ANYWAY.

BUT...

YOU'LL NEED IT. WE HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF US.

AT LEAST TELL US YOUR NAME! UGH!

AT GROUND ZERO.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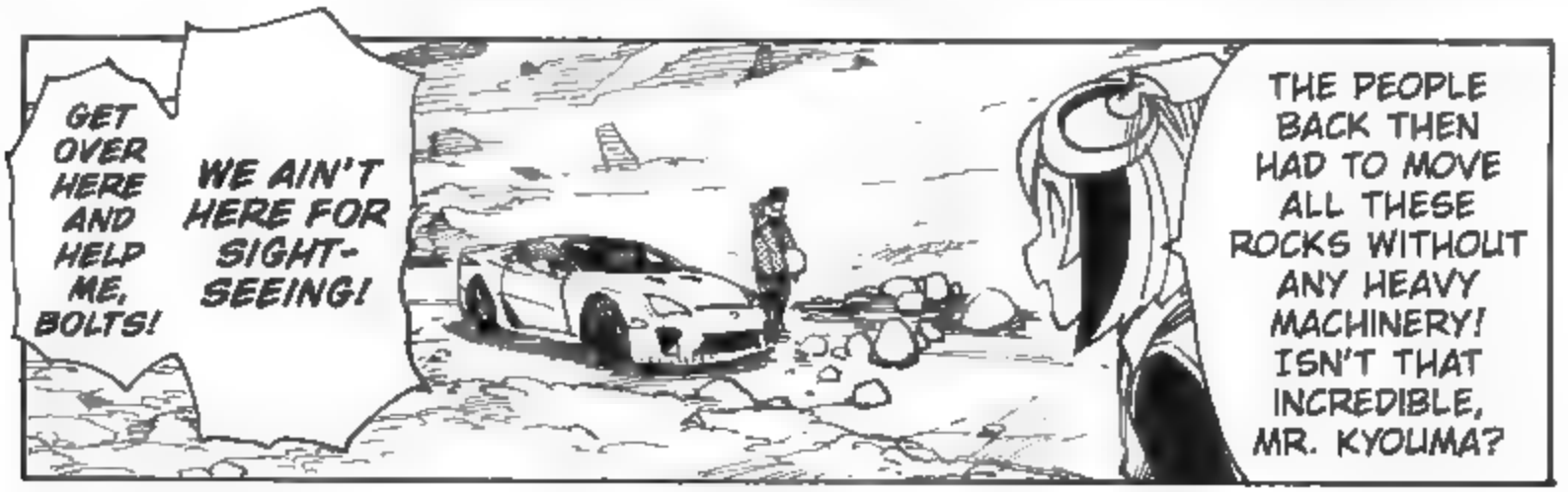
GET OVER HERE AND HELP ME, BOLTS!
WE AIN'T HERE FOR SIGHT-SEEING!
THE PEOPLE BACK THEN HAD TO MOVE ALL THESE ROCKS WITHOUT ANY HEAVY MACHINERY! ISN'T THAT INCREDIBLE, MR. KYOUMA?

THIS IS JUST WHAT MR. ALBERT SAID WOULD HAPPEN, ISN'T IT?

CAN IT.

HYO! (HOIST)

WE CAN'T GO ANY FARTHER UNTIL WE GET THESE ROCKS OFF THE ROAD.

TCH.

POI (HEFT)

THERE'S AN OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED METERS UP AHEAD.

OH, LOOK, MR. KYOUMA!

POI (TOSS)

DOSU (THUD)

I TOLD YOU, WE CAN'T TRUST A COIL-POWERED VEHICLE.

..... WHAT IS IT?

.....

WHY DON'T WE TAKE THAT INSTEAD?

IT'S JUST THAT, UM, I SEE THREE SILHOUETTES IN THE VEHICLE.....

ONLY...

I'M SORRY.

DON'T SCARE ME, IDIOT.

YOU BETTER NOT HAVE TURNED OFF.

AH!

NO, I'M FINE!

.....

A FAMILY, HUH?

THEY LOOK LIKE THEY WERE ALIVE JUST YESTERDAY ...

GUESS THE BODIES HERE WON'T DECAY AT ALL IF THEY AIN'T EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS...

.....I HOPE AT LEAST THEIR SOULS WERE SAVED.

THAT'S 'COS YOU'RE SEEING 'EM THROUGH ROBOTIC EYES. THEY MAY BE HUMAN IN SHAPE, BUT THEY'RE JUST LIFELESS MATTER.

...EVEN THOUGH I COULD SEE THEM PERFECTLY.

AT FIRST, I COULDN'T DETECT WHETHER THEY WERE HUMAN...

.....RIGHT!

LET'S GO.

RYUBUBUBU (VUMM)

GIIRU (SWRL)

Dimension

FILE.44
LOST TIME

SET US DOWN HERE.

THIS...

...IS MY HOME.

(ZASSHU (CRUNCH)

THIS'S THE END OF MY VOYAGE.

I BECAME A COLLECTOR TO GATHER INFORMATION SO I COULD COME HOME ONE DAY.

(HYUUUUU (WOOSH)

AYE.

THAT'S YOUR HOUSE?

WE NEED TO HURRY AND MOVE THEM INSIDE!

ZUTA (THUD)

...AYE.

LOOKS LIKE YOUR HOUSE BARELY ESCAPED THE DEFORMATION.

IT'S A MIRACLE.

GROUND ZERO IS JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THOSE MOUNTAINS...

ZA-ZA (CRUNCH)

DOOR SHOULDN'T BE LOCKED.

BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE I LAST OPENED THIS DOOR.

GACHA (KACHAK)

FORGIVE ME...

AH .....

ANY DAY NOW, GRAMPS!

.....

HOLY —!

ZURU (TOPPLE)

GABA (BAM)

!!?

MY DOG, JOHN .....

.....

DOSA (THUD)

A DEAD DOG?

MISTER ...

CAP'N MORRY .....

CALL ME CAPTAIN ...

I KNEW NO ONE WOULD BE ALIVE... I THOUGHT MY HEART WAS PREPARED FOR THIS .....

YOU CAN WARM THOSE THREE UP IN FRONT OF IT.

COME ON IN. GOT A HEATER IN THE LIVING ROOM.

JOHN, MY BOY .....

I'LL LAY YOU TO REST LATER...

GOT IT.

...AND NONPERISHABLE FOOD IN THE BASEMENT.

THERE'S BEDDING AND DRY CLOTHES IN THE BEDROOMS DOWN THE RIGHT HALL...

IF YOU FIND THEM, GIVE ME A HOLLER.

MY SON AND MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW...

... ANYONE HERE OTHER THAN THE DOG?

I'LL CHECK THE BASEMENT.

MELT SNOW IN A POT. THAT'S WHAT WE DID IN SIBERIA.

THERE'S NO WATER.

IT'LL BE PILED UP OUT BACK.

WHERE'S YOUR FIREWOOD?

GACHA (KACHAK)

GOTO (CLATTER)

HUP!

ALL RIGHT

...NO SIGNS OF LIFE.

IT'S HALF SWALLOWED UP...

THAT IT?

...IT'S KIND OF CREEPY HOW LIFELESS THIS PLACE IS.

ZA (CRUNCH)

ZA

BETTER MAKE THIS QUICK.

BOSA (THUMP)
ドサッ

BATAN (SLAM)
バタン

GARARA (TUMBLE)
ガララ

THESE MUST BE THE STAIRS TO THE BASEMENT...

YOU JUST KEEP TALKING ...

GOTTA TAKE OFF THEIR WET CLOTHES...

IM BACK WITH SOME FIRE-WOOD.

SO YOU ARE GOOD FOR SOME-THING!

OF COURSE, THERE'S NO TELLING HOW FOOD THAT'S BEEN SITTING INSIDE NOTHINGNESS FOR FIVE LONG YEARS WILL TASTE.....

GISHI

WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE A STOCK OF FOOD.

GISHI

GISHI (CREAK)

CAPTAIN MORRY!

COME DOWN HERE.

.....

.....

...IS THAT...

...YOUR SON AND HIS WIFE?

SURE IS.....

...AYE.

TAKE YOUR TIME, GRAMPS.

OF COURSE.

...FOR A MOMENT ALONE .....?

COULD I ASK YOU .....

I WON'T LET SALVA DIE.

...BUT HOW?

I SWEAR IT.

THAT MEANS THERE'S A WAY TO SAVE THEM.

DURING THE ACCIDENT FIVE YEARS AGO...THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO WAS IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND WHEN IT FELL INTO NOTHINGNESS...AND MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED.

SALVA TOLD ME SOMETHING.

AND HOW BIG IS THE REWARD?

WHAT COLLECTION TARGET ARE WE COMPETING OVER?

MORE IMPORTANTLY...TELL US ABOUT THE JOB.

A SURVIVOR?

THAT'S NEWS TO ME.

TV

HE CONNECTED TO EASTER ISLAND'S BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND SET IT UP TO PLAY A RECORDING.

SALVA PREPARED SOMETHING IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM.

PRINCE SALVA WILL?

SALVA WILL ANSWER THAT.

P1 (BLIP)

DAMN, IT REALLY IS PLAYING.

NT ENERGY CENTRAL 60 SLERO

PA (FLICKER) 11:11

SERI-OUSLY ?

...OTHER THAN ANY PATCHES OF NOTHING-NESS.

IT'S BROAD-CASTING TO THE ENTIRE ISLAND .....

I am C.O.O of Central 60, Salva Enna Tibesti.

Welcome to Easter Island, brave Collectors.

DADDY, LOOK!

It seemed appropriate to do so, as unforeseen circumstances are inevitable on this island.

I prepared this recording in case of unforeseen circum-stances.

.....

No one knows what it means to recover from nothingness ...

...or what recovery brings with it.

It is the only place on Earth to have fallen into complete nothingness.

FUAAA (VROO)

Therein lies the value in coming to this island.

Even the good Dr. Shidou Yurizaki had great difficulty predicting the possibilities.

OH!

HUH?

PI PI PI

MR. KYOUMA, LOOK AT THE MONITOR!

WHEW!

HYOKO (PWOP)

ヒョコ

BOKO (BROK)

ボコ

GYURURURU (WHRR)

ギュルルル

Something valuable is here.

IS THIS BROAD-CASTING LIVE?

DOSA (WHUD)

ドサ

THINK THIS WAS A SCHOOL?

MMN...

HYO! (PWOP)

RIGHT, BROTHER MINE?

DIGGIN' A TUNNEL FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN SURE WAS TOUGH!

PAAA (FLICKER)

WHAT'S THAT?

KACHI (CLICK)

カチ

...is one Coil and one alone.

Your target for collec-tion...

The very first Coil to function in the nothingness.

And once it began functioning, the Dimension W energy on the island began to recover.

However, this one did.

As you well know, Coils do not function inside nothingness.

THE FIRST COIL TO FUNCTION!?

...and collect it.

I want you to find it...

This Coil transcends everything we know about the devices.

THAT'S FIVE TIMES THE BLACK MARKET PRICE FOR A SINGLE NUMBERS .....

FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS !!?

First come, first served.

The reward is fifty million dollars.

I believe you'll know it when you see it.

GET UP, SAN-CHOS!

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SLEEP-ING!

I'LL BE WATCH-ING ALL OF YOU...

...TO MAKE SURE NO ONE TRIES TO LEAVE WITH IT OR DESTROY IT.

THE TREK HERE WAS WORTH IT.

A SUFFICIENT REWARD FOR RISKING ONE'S LIFE AND HONOR.

YOU THINK WE'RE HERE TO PLAY NICE, MORON!?

NOT GONNA HAPPEN.

YOU SAYING WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER?

IF THE FIVE OF US SPLIT THE REWARD, WE COULD EACH WALK AWAY WITH TEN MILLION DOLLARS.

...In closing ...

...I have one warning for you.

JUST WHAT I WAS HOPING FOR.

INTER-ESTING.

I'LL NAB THAT COIL ON MY OWN!

THEN I'LL SAVE SANCHOS TOO!

IN THAT CASE, WE ARE ALL ENEMIES FROM THIS POINT ON.

...there is a strong possibility that the damage to their cells will leave their memories and minds in shambles.

As for living beings ...

...the new possibilities will set things in motion again.

According to Dr. Yurizaki's theories, when an area recovers from nothingness, everything that stopped will be exposed to outsidestimuli. In other words...

PIKU (PRIK)

ピク

GATA (CLATTER)

カタ

!?

...

...SET THINGS IN MOTION AGAIN?

.....

SON...!

...S...

THAT CAME FROM THE BASE-MENT!

AH...

KOKI (CRACK)

KI

PAKO (CRICK)

AH...

UGYAAAAAH!

AAH...

PAK!

GURURURU (SWRL)

U...

MUKU (RISE)

GYAAAAH!

THAT'S NOT THE CAPTAIN'S VOICE!

BAN (BAM)

WAO (SNARL)

!!?

THE DEAD MUTT!?

IT'S ACTUALLY MOVING!?

CHA (CHAK)

GAU (POUNCE)

BESHA!
(SPLAT)

BAN

BAN
(BLAM)

ZOMBIES
...!?

SEE?
THERE IS
A WAY
TO SAVE
SALVA
AND THE
OTHERS!

THEY
WERE
NEVER
DEAD.
JUST
FROZEN.

.....
NO.

...UNTIL
NOW.

THEY HAD
NO WAY TO
MOVE, SO WE
SAW THEM
AS DEAD...

...THEN THOSE VOICES WERE THE CAPTAIN'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

THE COIL THAT SALVA SEEKS IS THE KEY.

...SET THE ISLAND IN MOTION AGAIN?

DOES THAT MEAN THAT OUR ARRIVAL...

GO (RUMBLE)

GO

GO

VRRR

WHAT'S GOIN' ON!?

WH—

GO
PARA (CLATTER)
...That is all, Collectors.
PARA
GO
GARA (RATTLE)
GO
GO
SOMETHING'S HERE, BROTHER MINE...
(VRR)
AWA-WA-WA...
GO
GO
GO
GO
I wish you good luck.
GA (CLACK)
GA
THAT NOISE...
!
GACHA (KACHAK)
FUOOO (WOOSH)
OUTSIDE TOO!?
GARARARA (RATTLE)

BOKO
(BROK

ボコ

Intruders.
Eliminate.

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Elimi-
nate.

GARAGARARA
(CLICK CLACK)

ガラガラ

FILE.45
OLD ENEMIES

FUON (VROOM)

SHAAAA (WOOSH)

GOT A LITTLE SNOW STICKIN' ON THIS SIDE OF THE ISLAND, HUH?

NOW THEN ...

NOTHING THESE TIRES CAN'T HANDLE THOUGH.

ROAD'S PRETTY SLICK...

GASHU (CLANK)

THERE ARE ARMED ROBOTS ACTIVATING IN FRONT OF US!

.....

!

I'M DETECTING MULTIPLE COILS!

MR. KYOUMA!

GASHA (CLANK)

UIIII (WHEEN)

SALVA HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD... EVERYTHING THAT STOPPED IS STARTING BACK UP.

IT WAS THE FINAL BATTLE-GROUND.

THAT'S THE TOWN BUILT BY NTE UP AHEAD...

KACHI (CLICK)

...HEH. I HAD A FEELING I'D BE SEEIN' THESE BOTS AGAIN.

AND YOU WANTED TO KNOW WHY I BROUGHT THIS CAR.

FOAA (REV)

GIGIGI (CREAK)

Private automobiles prohibited beyond this point.

Halt.

FJAAA (VRRRM)

DAMN STRAIGHT.

PIN

CLING

YOU'RE ACCEL-ERATING!?

FUAAAA

SPEED'S WHAT WE NEED...

...TO BREAK THROUGH!

HYU (ZING)

Turn back or we will open fire.

Warning.

Warning.

JAKI (KACHAK)

SA (DUCK)

AH!

FLASH MAX

KA (FLASH)

THIS'LL ONLY STOP 'EM FOR A FEW SECONDS...

...BUT IN THIS BABY, A FEW SECONDS IS A FEW HUNDRED METERS.

FUALIN (ZOOM)

BY THE TIME THEY RECAL-IBRATE, WE'LL BE FAR PAST THEIR DETECTION ZONE.

WAAH!

MY EYES —!

YOU COULD HAVE WARNED ME!

MY EYES DIDN'T HAVE TO BE RUINED TOO!

STILL WORKS LIKE MAGIC.

I CAME UP WITH THIS IDEA FIVE YEARS AGO AS A WAY TO DRIVE AROUND 'EM...

THOSE BOTS HAVE POWERFUL SHIELDS.

WOULD IT KILL YOU TO BE A LITTLE NICER TO ME?

THEY...WILL, BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT...!

PLUS, THOSE NANOMACHINES YOU'RE ALWAYS BRAGGING ABOUT WILL FIX 'EM ANYWAY, RIGHT?

NOT MY PROBLEM.

NO COHESION TO THEIR MOVEMENTS... LOOKS LIKE THEY ONLY STARTED BACK UP INDEPENDENTLY.

FUAA (BRRMM)

CHIRA (GLANCE)

HRM?

OH, FORGET IT!

AAA (RRMM)

DO YOU SUPPOSE THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND IS BROKEN?

I KNOW IT IS— BECAUSE IT WAS A *PERSON* COMMANDING THEM.

THEY'RE STANDING BY LIKE THAT BECAUSE THEY'RE WAITING FOR THEIR NEXT ORDERS.

...YOU CAN BET IT WON'T BE PRETTY.

WHEN WE GET TO THE CENTER OF GROUND ZERO...

ALL RIGHT.

WE'RE COMING UP ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE DEFORMATION ZONE.

BRACE YOURSELF.

FUAA (RRM)

WHOA!

ZUG (DRAG)

ZUGYAGA (DRAGGED)

BOGAGA (CRASH)

BLAM (WHOOM)

Intruders.

Elimi-nate.

BARARA (RATTLE)

Elimi-nate.

GU (CLENCH)

IT WAS BURIED UNDER THE SNOW! IT'S HOSTILE!

A ROBOT !?

IT HAS A LOCK ON US!

NOT FOR LONG!

TARGET4

TARGET1

PIPI (BEEP)

TARGET3

PII

PI

TARGET2

LOCK

BAU (BOOSH)

PASHUUN (SWEEP)

8 (FLASH)

-PAKA (CLACK)

PAGIN (PING)

BACHICHI (CRACKLE)

BOGA (THACK)

GAN (THWACK)

NO WAY!

THEY COULD ALSO DO THE REVERSE— SHOOT OUT DIMENSION W ENERGY AS PLASMA BEAMS.

THEY CONVERT ENERGY FROM IMPACTS INTO ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND DISPERSE IT INSIDE DIMENSION W.

THE EFFECTS OF AN ENERGY SHIELD.

IT BOUNCED OFF!?

THERE HAVE TO BE WAYS.

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TAKE THEM OUT?

THIS MAY BE MORE TROUBLE THAN WE BARGAINED FOR.

THE TECH WAS BANNED AFTER THE SECOND COIL WAR BECAUSE IT MAKES DIMENSION W UNSTABLE...

DOU (WOOSH)

DOU

DOU (BOOM)

DOU

FOR NOW, I'VE JUST GOTTA GET IT AWAY FROM SALVA!

ZA (CRUNCH)

ZA

BUO (WOOH)

GAN (CLANG)

BAN (BAM)
バン!!

CASSIDY, YOU'RE IN CHARGE HERE!

ME!?

WHAT!?

ZLIN (WHAM)
ズリン

DAN (LEAP)
ダン!!

HEY!

ZUTA (WHUD)
ズタ!!

WHOA!

BUO (WOOSH)
ブオ
オ!!

HOW CAN HE JUMP LIKE THAT ANYWAY?

KID THINKS HE CAN TELL ME WHAT TO DO...

IT'S WEIRD!

JIN (VWEEN)

ISLERO

Keep Salve and the others safe!

I'll leave one of the units to guard the house.

...OUT THE BACK DOOR.

YURI AND K.K. ALREADY LEFT...

WHAT THE HELL, CHRYSLER !?

PAT

THE PRINCE HAS SPOKEN, CASSIDY.

I LEAVE THIS PLACE IN YOUR CARE.

THE RACE HAS BEGUN.

FUU (FWOO)

I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THOSE SHIELDS BEFORE FACING OFF AGAINST THEM.

I'LL BE LEAVING AS WELL— AFTER I WATCH THE PRINCE FIGHT.

THEY GOT A HEAD START ON ME!? DAMN IT!

GET BACK HERE, YOU...!

ブオ"
BUO (BOOM)

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

...AND THESE ASSHOLES THINK THEY CAN ORDER ME AROUND !?

GIRI

GIRI (GRIND)

GIRI

THEY CALL ME THE LUNATIC OF MEXICO ...

W..... WATER.....

YOU TOO!? GIMME A BREAK!

GA (GRAB) 力!!

LEND ME A HAND...!

PL- P_EASE ...

?

PARA (SHUDDER) ドッ

PARA ドッ

GO ゴッ

BROTHER MINE! LOOK .....!!

GA (CLANK) 力!!

GO (RUMBLE) ゴッ

GO ゴッ

GO
ゴッゴッ

GO
(RUMBLE)
ゴッ

GARARA
(CLATTER)
ガララ

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GIGIGI
(CREE)
ギギギ

ID SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MOVE...

G-GODDA BE DIMEN-SIONAL DAMAGE.

THAT ROBOT HAS TWO HEADS!

BASHU
(BWOOSH)
バシュ

ZUGO (WHAM)

...OKAY, IT CAN DEFINITELY MOVE!

PIPII (BEEP)

Elimi-nate.

Targets: two.

LOCK

GASHI (CLANK)

Elimi-nate.

GYURURU (WHIRR)

Elimi-nate.

GIGI

JAKIN (SHKEEN)

TA (TMP)

GED IN THE HOLE, DEBBIE.

ROGER THAT, BROTHER MINE!

ZUBO (DROP)

BÒGA (BRK)

ZAA (SLIDE)

GA

DOU

DOU (BOOM)

...SLOW-POKE!

'M OVER HERE...

GA (KRK)

GA

GA

HUP!

HUP! HUP!

TA (HOP)

TA

GA (BRAK)

DOU

DOGA (BRAKAM)

DOU

GURU (WHRL)
GURU
GURU
GA
BOGA (KRSHD)
BASHU (BOOSH)
WHOOP!
SUTO (STMP)
ストッ
RAGIN (SNAP)
HYURURU (WHRL)
VUON (VUMO)
SAY G'BYE T'YOUR HEAD!

GA (GRAB)
ID SNAPPED !?
ID—
BROTHER MINE!
LOOK UP!
JARARA CVREEND
.....!!
HERE YOU GO!

NOW WHAT HAVE WE GOT HERE...?

ZA (SHFF)

ZA

CHA (CLINK)

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

DA (BAM)

DOSUN (WHUMP)

ドスン

TAKING ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT WITH A SHOVEL?

YOU TWO SURE ARE SOMETHING.

ZA

Dimension

WH.....

WHO'RE YOU!?

ぽわっ
POWA (BLUSH)

WH..... WHAT A HUNK.....

JUST A COLLECTOR WHO HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY.

KYOUMA MABUCHI.

PIPI (BEEP)

MY NAME'S MIRA, BY THE WAY.

OH!

BOGA (KRRSH)

TA (DIVE)

RIGHT!

MR. KYOUMA!

IT'S ABOUT TO ATTACK!

THEN YOU'D BETTER NOT SCREW UP, BOLTS!

TAKE THIS!

BUON (FLING)

OOF!

GARARA (CLATTER)

SUTA (TAMP)

BOYON (BOING)

SA (SLIP)

BOGA (BROK)

MOWA (POOH)

BARARA (RATTLE)

YOU ALL HIDE!

SHURIN (SHWING)

Y'DONE GOOD!

SHUPA (ZWIP)

I'LL HANDLE THE BOT!

IT HAS A SHIELD...!

THAT WON'T WORK!

KIN (TING)

BOGA

DOU

DOU

GAN (BAM)

TA (TMP)

I KNOW!

SHUPA (ZWIP)

PA

PA

BA (CHOP)

KIN (TING)

KIIN

SEE? IT DEFLECTS EVERY-THING!

THAT'S WHAT I WAS COUNTING ON.

ZA (SKRRT)

WAID A SEC...

!

THOSE SKEWERS... THERE'RE WIRES ATTACHED TO 'EM!

KYURURU (WHIRL)

キュルル

BA (WHAP)

THAT'S RIGHT.

KYURU

キュルー

KYURURU

キュルル

ZUN (STAGGER)

ズン

KYUU (TUG)

キュー

BIKI (TWANG)

ビキ

BASHU (BSHOO)

THEY'RE USELESS AGAINST WIRES.

AND...

ENERGY SHIELDS WERE DESIGNED TO ABSORB AND DISPERSE MOMENTARY IMPACTS OF ENERGY.

BA (WOOSH)

GYURURURU (WHIRR)

DOGO (WHAM)

GYU (GRIP)

HYU (ZWIP)

BISHI (BAM)

...THIS BOT AIN'T DEXTEROUS ENOUGH TO UNTANGLE ITSELF... NOR SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW IT SHOULD.

ENEMY SUPPRESSED.
ZA (SKFF)

I...

I...

GYU

GYU (SQUEEZE)

.....

STILL GOT IT.

I THINK I'M IN LOVE!

BATA

GATA (THRASH)

GIGI (STRAIN)

GIRI

GAN (CLANG)

THEY'RE MADE FROM SPACE ELEVATOR STEEL.

GO AHEAD AND STRUGGLE. THESE WIRES ARE UNBREAKABLE, YOU STUPID OCTOPUS.

I'M ON IT!

CAN YOU PULL ITS COIL OUT?

YES?

HEY, BOLTS.

SHAKIN
(SHKEEN)
シャキン

TON
(TONK)
トン

HYU
(WOOSH)
ヒュ

EXCUSE ME!

KYUUN (VWEEN)

KYUUN (VUM)

PACHI (CRACKLE)

PITO (PRIK)

GATA (RATTLE)

GATA

GATA

GAPA (CLICK)

PUSHU (PSSH)

PUSHUUU (PSSH)

ZUDO (POP)

GASHU (CLANK)

I HAVE IT, MR. KYOUMA!

GOOD.

IT'S A MILITARY COIL, AND A SLIGHTLY OLD ONE AT THAT..... IT DOESN'T LOOK SPECIAL.

ONLY ONE COIL?

WHAT KIND IS IT?

.....

PO (BLUSH)

IT'S A WIDE WORLD OUT THERE, ISN'T IT, BROTHER MINE?

A-YUP.

DON'T CARE. GET RID OF IT.

BUT IT'S STILL PERFECTLY GOOD ...

WHAAT !?

TOSS IT.

NOT THE ONE PRINCE SALVA'S AFTER, THEN...

TSU (SLIDE)

TSUUU

SUTT (STMP)

WE'LL BE SEEIN' SO MANY OF THOSE YOU'LL BE SICK OF 'EM...

OHHH ...

GOTO (TONK)

YAH!

...ONCE WE CROSS THIS WALL OF DEFORMATIONS.

TCH!

...OR GO THE REST OF THE WAY ON FOOT?

DO WE LOOK FOR AN EVEN MORE ROUNDABOUT ROUTE...

I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE THE CAR THROUGH THIS.

THERE'S A TUNNEL?

IF WE COULD FIND AN ENTRANCE TO THE UNDER-GROUND TUNNEL...

I'D RATHER NOT LEAVE 'ER HERE...

THE TUNNEL LEADING TO IT IS IN THIS TOWN.

...THEY PUT MOST OF IT UNDERGROUND TO PRESERVE THE SCENERY.

WHEN NEW TESLA BUILT THEIR BIG EASTER ISLAND FACILITY...

...

IF NOT FOR ALL THIS STUFF, I'D BE ABLE TO FIND IT IN NO TIME AT ALL...

A-ACTUALLY!

.....FOUR AND A HALF YEARS AGO, IN THE LAST BATTLE OF THE WAR, THE COMMANDER AND HIS TEAM USED IT AS THEIR WAY IN.

M-HM!
M-HM!
DIGGIN' HOLES IS WHAT WE DO!
MY BROTHER AND ME COULD HELP YOU WITH THAT!
IF YOU'VE HEARD OF THE #1 COLLECTORS IN THE DIGGER WORLD, THE EAST RIVER SIBLINGS... THAT'S US!
I'M DEBORAH, AN' THIS IS HARRISON.
OH YEAH?
...WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PRINCE AND THE REST OF THEM?
SAY WHAT NOW? "#1 COLLEC-TORS IN THE DIGGER WORLD"?
BY THE WAY...
EH-HEH-HEH! AIN'T IT THOUGH?
YOU'RE #1 IN THE WORLD!? THAT'S INCREDIBLE!

OH..... OH YEAH!!

YOU FLEW IN TOGETHER, RIGHT?

?

THIS STORM CAME CRASHIN' DOWN ON US, AN' THEN.....

IT WAS AWFUL!

DOON (BOOM)

ZUGO (WHAM)

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SO THIS IS CROWN PRINCE LWAI AURA TIBESTI'S TRUE STRENGTH...

.....NOW THAT'S A SURPRISE.

GA (CLAMP)

...OR SHOULD I SAY...

BAGUWA (RRRIP)

...THE TRUE STRENGTH OF ISLERO'S STATE-OF-THE-ART TECH?

HOO...
BARARA (CLATTER)
DOSHAA (WHUD)

...NOW I SEE...

...THIS SHOW OF DESTRUCTION IS STILL INCREDIBLE.

EVEN THOUGH THE ENERGY SHIELD WASN'T DESIGNED TO DEFEND AGAINST BEING RIPPED IN HALF...

...THE SECRET BEHIND THE CROWN PRINCE'S STRENGTH.

FILE.47
A DEATH LONG OVERDUE

UHHH...

WATER, RIGHT?

WATER...

IS IT OKAY TO GIVE HIM THIS?

THE SNOW'S STILL MELTING...

YOU KEEP FIGHTING TOO, SANCHOS!

DOTA (STOMP)

DOTA

DOTA

BETTER THAN NOTHING, I GUESS.

ZAPO, (DUNK)

THAT'S FREEZ-ING!

PIKU TWITCH

ピク

DOTA ドタ DOTA ドタ DOTA ドタ

I GOT YOUR WATER, GRAMPS!

WATER...

HYUU

ヒュ!!

WA...

HYUU... (WHEEZE)

ヒュ!

THANK YOU...

IT'S RIGHT HERE...

...MICHAEL.

GHACK!

THE WOMAN ...

...TOO LATE?

YOU'D BE DAMN THIRSTY AFTER THAT LONG.

...WHAT'S IT BEEN, FOUR YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS SINCE THE ACCIDENT ?

GOPL (GLUP)

DAPA (DRIBBLE)

DAPA

WOULDA BEEN BETTER OFF STAYING FROZEN.

AWFUL WAY TO GO.

DABA (DRIBBLE)

DAPA

DRINK... DRINK FOR ME..... PLEASE...

COME ON, SON.

HERE'S YOUR WATER ...

UNGH ...

KH...

HIS BODY AIN'T TAKING IT, GRAMPS.

IT JUST AIN'T ENOUGH ...

OH SHIT...

GYURURU (SWIRL)

HNN?

RYUBU (BLURP)

GYUBU (WHIRL)
ギュルル
RUA
ヴル
RYU
ウゥ
RYU
ウゥ
THE SPHERE... IS IN HIS EYES...?
NO!
ABOVE US!!
AH!

RYU (SWIRL)

RYU

YIKES!

ZURU (SLIDE)

BUON (YUM)

BU (YUM)

BU

IT PHASED THROUGH THE CEILING .....!

KURARA (WHIRLS)

...BACK OFF...

RYU

RYU

RYU

...!!

!!?

SANCHOS!

RYUBU (WHIRL)

BU

BU

BU

STOP.

!?

JA (CHAK)

HANG ON! I'LL PULL YOU OUTTA THERE!

IT WILL ONLY STRIKE BACK.

PHYSICAL ATTACKS DO NOTHING AGAINST *THAT THING*.

...I'M A WOMAN.

ONLY BECAUSE...

YOU'RE... YOU'RE AWAKE?

THAT THING'S TARGET IS MOST LIKELY...

STAY STILL AND LISTEN TO ME.

HUH !?

THE SON!?

MICHAEL!

DOSA (THUD)

KYURURUUAA (WEEN)

ZUSUUN (ZZZP)

BUO (WOOMO)

BUWA (GLOAT)

RYUBUSUBU (WUMP)

!!?

!!...

IT'S GONE!

SHUN (SHWUP)

.....

BJO (VWLM)

!

Are they safe!?

GYURARA (VWEEM)

RARARA

IT'S THE SPHERE ...!!

Lasithi's standing!?

!?

Thank goodness... they're all okay.

(BEEP)

GO

GO

Lasithi! It's me!

PRINCE LWAI.

I saw the sphere fly out of the house.

Did you make it out of there?

WHAT ABOUT SALVA?

My deepest apologies.

Unlike Prince Salva, my consciousness was not sucked away by the sphere.

THIS IS WHAT I SAW...

Huh!?

WE CAN'T EVADE!

WHAT THE HELL IS IT...

IT'S COMING STRAIGHT AT US!

ZuBuBu (ZZZB)

ズゴゴゴ

IT'S BREACHED THE BRIDGE!

IT'S...

COM-MANDER!

YOU TAKE LWA! AND—

AGREED.

PRINCE SALVA, WE MUST RETREAT TO THE HANGAR!

MEN!

NT

DOSA (THUD)

FUWA (FLOAT)

FUWA

WHAT!!?

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UWA...!

U...!

BISHI (BISH)

BISHI

PAN

PAN (BANG)

CHA (CHAK)

KHH!

WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY TROOPS!?

IT'S HEADING YOUR WAY!

NT

ZUZUZUZU (ZZZuB)

BACK OFF!

...GAH!

ZuZuZU

!

.....

THE BULLETS WENT STRAIGHT THROUGH !?

KYUARARARARARA (VREEN)

IT IGNORED THE COMMANDER?

HURRY!

THE SPHERE'S COMING STRAIGHT FOR US!

GURA (SHUDDER)

!!?

IF THIS IS WHAT DR. YURIZAKI FORESAW... THEN...

A SPHERE WITH A WILL OF ITS OWN .....

WAS IT GENERATED BY THE NOTHINGNESS, OR DID IT SURVIVE THE NOTHINGNESS?

GOOOO (ROAR)

ゴオオオ

PISHAAA (KRAKOW)

ピシャアア

GATA ガタ

GATA (RATTLE) ガタ

LOSING ALTI-TUDE!

DO SOME-THING!

WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!

BOGA (CRUNCH)

ボガッ

LOOK.

EVEN WITH THIS SHAKING, IT IS FIXATED ON ME.

GATA ガタ

PRINCE SALVA!

I HAD A FEELING WE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LAND SO EASILY.

IT SEEMS IT IS NOT ATTACKING JUST ANYONE.

A PARTICULAR HEAT...A PARTICULAR ENERGY.

THIS SPHERE IS SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING.

FORTUNATELY, LWAI CAN CARRY ON THE PLAN WITHOUT ME.

SU (SWUSH)

EVEN IF HE IS UNABLE TO MOVE AT PRESENT.

GYU (BAND)

RARA

RA

I SUPPOSE I WON'T KNOW IF I DON'T DIVE IN MYSELF.

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

MYSELF? ANOTHER?

BACHI! (CRACKLE)

GAH!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!

SHE'S RIGHT!

PLEASE, PRINCE SALVA!

I WILL STOP THE SPHERE!

DOZAZA (SKID)

DOKA (WHAM)

TELL LWAI THAT FOR NOW...

PR..... PRINCE SALVA...

...I LEAVE AFRICA'S HOPE IN HIS HANDS.

PRINCE...

...SALVA...

BATA (THUD)

WOO (WHOOO)

TAKE ME IF YOU WILL!

...OH...

SALVA DID IT HIMSELF...?

I will protect Prince Salva's body.

Please, Prince Lwai. Go.

!

...IN WOMEN, CHILDREN, OR THE ELDERLY.

...IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE INTERESTED ...

WHATEVER THE SPHERE'S TRUE TARGET IS...

Your highness is the only hope Prince Salva has...

.....!

GO AND UNCOVER THE TRUTH BEHIND THIS SPHERE. SAVE PRINCE SALVA.

SALVA'S... DREAM...

...and the only one who can make his dream a reality.

HMM?

YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING AT THE SKY, SALVA.

?

HEH HEH HEH!

THE TOWER...?

I WAS LOOKING AT THE TOWER.

LET ME TELL YOU...

...MY DREAM.

For Salva.

For Isla. For Africa.

Okay. I'm going, Lasithi.

GYUU (CLENCH)

THAT...

...IS THE REASON I'M STILL HERE!

I'M GOING AFTER THE SPHERE!

TA (CLANK)

BAHYU (WOOSH)

BASHU (BOOSH)

KIND PRINCE LWAI...

GODSPEED.

THAT'S WHAT REWARDS ARE FOR.

THEY COULD'VE WAITED OUTSIDE OF THE ISLAND FOR SOMEBODY TO BRING THEM THE COIL.

AND IF IT WAS JUST ABOUT SURVEIL-LANCE, THEY COULD HAVE SENT ONE OF THEIR MEN TO DO IT.

AND WHY WOULD TWO PRINCES COME TO SUCH A DANGEROUS PLACE?

THAT LITTLE KID CAN'T BE THAT STRONG.

NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE.

...ARE THEY HUNTING FOR MORE THAN JUST THE COIL?

...OR...

DO THEY ASSUME PEOPLE ARE GONNA MAKE OFF WITH THE COIL AFTER THEY RETRIEVE IT?

OR IS THERE SOME REASON THEY CAN'T TRUST EVEN THEIR PEOPLE..... OR Q.I.?

—OCEAN FLOOR

COMMAND SHIP GRODIA

PJSHAAA (PSSH)

ZABA (FZSH)

ZABA

Seal all the bulk-heads!

Move the uncon-scious to Bay #5!

Com-mander Cedric!

Are you or are you not the bureau's elite!?

Show some back-bone!

Whoa!

DOPA (DROOSH)

FLIP

ZABA (FLISH)

ZABA

Two of you, with me!

...I will bring the Grodia back to the surface!

On the honor of Q.I.4...

Dimension

INTRODUCTION TO DIMENSION W

chapter 6

No. 6: "Grendel"

Hello. This is Rose...

...once again greeting you from Hawaii.

This time, I'll be talking about the legendary mercenary unit Grendel.

☆ THE LOGO IS BASED OFF OF THE MONSTER GRENDEL, FROM BEOWULF.

GRENDEL

ADOPTING THE THEORY THAT GRENDEL WAS A DRAGON.

These heroes ended the second Coil War...

...saving New Tesla Energy from the surging deregulation movement. But how did they come to be?

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First of all, to correct a common misconception, Grendel was not a military unit controlled directly by New Tesla Energy.

This is because New Tesla Energy was not, and still is not, allowed to have their own military. Instead, on the surface, they have the protection of the governments across the world who have signed the Coil treaties.

There is an exception, however—provided they are for handling problems within the company and for security, NTE is free to form units of its own.

The current Dimension Administrative Bureau Q.I. units are one such example.

To put it another way, because the company is simply too gigantic, it's difficult for any countries to intervene when there are internal issues.

The **Second Coil War** began when those issues worsened to the point that outside forces ended up being drawn into the internal conflict.

Dr. Yurizaki, foreseeing this possibility, joined his allies to pool together private funding...

...for his close friend and former member of the British Special Air Service Mr. Colin Keys to create the private military company "Grendel."

They were security contractors, essentially.

The father of the world system, Dr. Yurizaki...

One can't help but be struck with admiration for his foresight.

TO BE CONTINUED

APPENDIX.01
TRANSLATION NOTES

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Bronze Swallow Terrace: General Jaku likely took the name for his fortress from the historical "Bronze Swallow Terrace," a building from the Three Kingdoms period in Chinese history. It was named for the bronze swallow decoration adorning its roof.

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Ode to Kirihito: The book Yuri is reading. A manga created by the legendary Osamu Tezuka, it follows Kirihito, a doctor in search of a cure for a mysterious illness that leaves its victims resembling dog people.

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